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HQ, 410TH BOMB GROUP (L)

APO 140

UNITED STATES ARMY

COVERING THE PERIOD 1 OCT '44 TO 31 OCT '44

SECRET

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I. ORGANIZATION AND CHANGES IN KEY PERSONNEL: 35a

The month of October found an increase in Combat Personnel of the 410th Bombardment Group (L), sixteen (16) Officers and twenty-eight (28) Enlisted Men having been assigned per par #1, S.O. #275, Headquarters, 70th Replacement Depot (AAF), 1 October 1944³⁶. A Special Courts-Martial was appointed on 12 October 1944 for the trial of persons properly brought before it³⁷. Major Robert W. Paulson was relieved from assignment to Headquarters, and transferred to and appointed Commanding Officer of the 644th Bomb Sq (L)³⁸. Relieved as Commanding Officer of the 644th, was well-liked, Major Jack C. Clark, who was returned to the States because of a severe sinus condition. The loss of Major Clark, subsequently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, was a blow to the 644th in particular and the Group in General. A further increase in personnel took place on 13 October, on which date thirty-one (31) Combat Crew members, eleven (11) Officers and twenty (20) Enlisted Men, were assigned to the Group, by Headquarters, 70th Replacement Depot³⁹. The twenty-third of October found Captain James D. Kelly, relieved from assignment to the 646th Bomb Sq (L), and assigned to Headquarters and appointed Group Engineering Officer⁴⁰. Major Fritz Bronner was relieved as Group S-2 on 25 October 1944, and Captain Henry C. Wiebke appointed to fill the vacancy⁴¹. Major Bronner subsequently requested discharge from the service in accordance with the provisions of the over-38 regulation.

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- 35a. Asgmt of prin and add duties of Hq personnel. Exhibit #10-1,
 - 36. Assignment to Squadron. S.O. #128, Exhibit #10-1a,
 - 37. S.O. #130, Exhibit #10-2,
 - 38. S.O. #131, Exhibit #10-3,
 - 39. S.O. #132, Exhibit #10-4,
 - 40. S.O. #134, Exhibit #10-5,
 - 41. S.O. #135, Exhibit #10-6.

II. STRENGTH:42

The over-all strength of the 410th Bombardment Group (L) on 1 October 1944 consisted of 248 Officers and 1281 Enlisted Men of whom 38 Officers and 65 Enlisted men comprised the strength of Gp Headquarters. The 15th of October found the strength of the Group increasing 8 Officers and 14 Enlisted men with Headquarters picking up one each. The end of October found no further changes in Officer strength, but an increase in Enlisted personnel, which brought the over-all strength to 1563, 256 Officers, and 1307 Enlisted men. Group Headquarters strength as of 31 October comprised 39 Officers and 67 Enlisted men.

42. Break-down by units. Exhibit #10-7.

III. LOSSES IN ACTION:⁴³

Although weather conditions kept the planes of the 410th Bombardment Group (L) on the ground during most of October, our losses were quite high. Killed in action, were Lt. Colonel Charles M. Parrett, Commanding Officer of the 646th Squadron, Lieutenants George W. Barnard and Jon W. Pruden, and Sergeant Edward J. Zullo. In addition to Lt. Col. Parrett, the 646th lost both Lt. Pruden and Sgt Zullo, while Lt. Barnard was a member of the 645th Squadron. The M.I.A. column of the group was further increased by the addition of one pilot and four gunners, all but one of whom, Sgt Jacob O. Brown, were members of the 644th Squadron. Others Missing in Action were, 1st Lt. Frank Braisted and Staff Sergeants Jimmie E. Dirago, Bernard M. Craig and John H. Deutch. Three of the losses took place on the sixth of October, one the day following and the remaining five on the twenty-eighth of the month.

43. See Casualty List. Exhibit #10-8. For complete casualty list and present status of casualties, since the Group began operations, see Exhibit #10-9.

IV. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS.

Three members of the 410th Bomb Group were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross during the month of October⁴⁴. Recipients of this prized award were Major Ralph G. Kuhn of the 645th Squadron, Lt Robert J. Becker of the 644th Squadron and Lt Gerold E. Beckley of the 646th Squadron. Major Kuhn, then Captain, on 5 August 1944, piloted a badly crippled aircraft (one engine and the elevator controls had been shot out and the tunnel gunner critically wounded), to friendly territory where he successfully crash-landed it without injury to personnel or plane. Lt. Becker despite the fact that one engine had cut out on him, made his bomb run on the target, dropped his bombs and successfully returned to friendly territory where he crash-landed his plane. Lt. Beckley on August 5, although a burst of flak had struck his fuselage and severed the elevator and trim tab control cables of his plane, continued with the formation, dropped his bombs and safely returned to his base.

Other awards⁴⁵ to Combat personnel during the month of October included 22 Air Medal Awards, 45 First Oak Leaf Clusters, 46 Second Oak Leaf Clusters, 50 Third Oak Leaf Clusters, 35 Fourth Oak Leaf Clusters, 192 Sixth Oak Leaf Clusters and 53 Silver Oak Leaf Clusters.

44. G.O. #242, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 12 Oct. '44.

45. G.O. #16 & 20, Hq IX Bomb Division.

V. STATION LIFE:⁴⁶

Shortly after its arrival at A-58, the 410th Bomb Group set about constructing office buildings, mess halls, living quarters and clubs for Officers and Enlisted Personnel. The Red Cross selected and set up a tent sight near the operations building on the line and were soon serving coffee and doughnuts to the Enlisted Personnel. Special Services also set up a large tent near the line where all the personnel are treated to the best shows on the Continent. Off the base the nearby city of Comblomiers has its French-American Club⁴⁷ with two nights set aside for Officers and the remaining five for Enlisted men. Entertainment consists of dancing and drinking - the dancing might more readily be referred to as jumping, while the drinks available are Champagne and white wine.

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46. Photographs of installations. Exhibit #10-10.
47. Photographs of the Club. Exhibit #10-11.

VI. TRAINING:

Despite the fact that the 410th Bomb Group had moved to France, with six months of Combat flying under its belt, there was no let up in the training program. If anything, the Group and Squadron Commanders placed more emphasis on training and on those occasions when weather would permit, new pilots were in the air, getting time in the A-20, preparing for combat. Bombardiers were likewise kept busy as they dropped their bombs on the bombing range at Arbonne, France.

In addition to the regular aircraft recognition course, a ground school was conducted for Combat personnel. The list of instructors included officer personnel of the operations, Intelligence, Communications and weather sections. Attendance was compulsory and the turn-out for each class was excellent. Combat personnel who were unable to attend the day classes due to the fact they were on a mission, were required to attend make-up classes at night. Subjects included Target Identification, Navigation and Bombing, Map Reading, Physical Geography, and Strategic and Tactical Trends. The training program was brought to a close with each pilot-bombardier team required to complete four practical Navigation training missions at operational altitudes and all other pilots required to complete at least two such missions.⁴⁷

47. Training Schedule. Exhibit #10-12.

VIII. 410TH IN THE WAR EFFORT:⁴⁸

Weather conditions during the month of October were so adverse that the 410th Bomb Group could fly but a total of five visual bombing missions. The first of these missions was the Duren Marshalling Yard where results ranged from fair to excellent as approximately fifty (50) tons of bombs were dumped on the target by thirty-three aircraft attacking in six (6) flights. Bomb bursts blanketed railroad cars, main line, sidings, and choke point. The day following, 7 October, six flights of A-20's struck at the Trier Marshalling Yard with excellent results as bomb bursts cut the main line in several places, straddled the yard and blanketed railroad cars, choke points and related installations. Third visual bombing target of the month was the defended town of JÜlich, where four of six flights attacking dropped all of their bombs in the target area. Four days later, 12 October, twenty-six (26) of 38 A-20's dispatched, attacked Camp De Bitsch dropping some forty (40) tons of bombs on the target. Two of the four flights attacking had excellent results as the bomb patterns covered a number of buildings inside the target area. Last visual bombing mission of the month took place on 13 October as the Group successfully attacked the highly important highway bridge at Roermond. Two of the four flights attacking the target had excellent results and reconnaissance photographs taken immediately afterwards disclosed the western span broken and sagging into the water and traffic impossible. Two blind-bombing missions were flown during the month with no photographic coverage on one and unsatisfactory results on the other.

48. Photographic record. Exhibit #10-13.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U S Army,
30 October 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 6)

1. The following principal and additional duties for officers in this headquarters are announced:

BEATY, Sherman R.	O-403695	Colonel	1022 *Group Commander
HUGHEY, Robert J.	O-22857	Lt. Col	1022 *Deputy Gp Commander Air Inspector (Air Ex.)
McKEEVER, Matthew J. Jr.	O-22161	Lt. Col	2162 *Operations and Trng Staff O (S-3)
MERCER, Earl E.	O-394216	Lt. Col	2120 *Executive Officer
CAVANAGH, John T.	O-421043	Major	2520 *Training Officer
FREE, Richard M.	O-312587	Major	3161 *Group Surgeon Sanitary Inspector Medical Inspector
JONES, Jarvis P.	O-338412	Major	2161 *Ass't Operations Officer
WILLEY, Carl R.	O-429692	Major	7536 *Tech Inspector
ADLEMAN, Harry R.	O-550264	Capt	2120 *Personnel Officer (S-1) Group Classification Officer
ANDREW, James W.	O-796273	Capt	1022 *Bomber Pilot T/E
ASHLEY, Edward S.	O-423876	Capt	1034 *Group Navigator
ATKINS, Ronald S.	O-1697046	Capt (DC)	3170 *Group Dent Officer
DUNN, Douglas S.	O-724158	Capt	1036 *Gp Navigator-Bomdr
FRIEDBERG, Elmer S.	O-436812	Capt	4822 *Gp Arm and Chem O Armament Inspector Chemical Inspector

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GELFAND, Morris A.	0-649487	Capt	6402 *Gp Stat Control Officer Base Classification O ASS'T Adjutant Ass't Personal Officer
GOLDEN, Bernard J.	0-571804	Capt	8503 *Photo Interpretation O
GREEN, Robert L.	0-561138	Capt	0200 *Communications Officer Communications Inspector
HUTCHINSON, Donald M.	0-385569	Capt(ORD)	4532 *Transportation Officer
KELLY, James D.	0-736394	Capt	4903 *Aircraft Inspection Off (Engineering)
NORTHROP, Ross B. Jr.	0-375071	Capt	2110 *Group Adjutant C.O. Hq, Detachment
PAULK, Ivan L.	0-500965	Capt(C OH)	5310 *Gp Chaplain (Protestant)
PRYOR, Robert L.	0-857883	Capt	4010 *Gp Materiel Off (S-4) Weights & Balances Off. Supply Inspector
REARDON, Francis J.	0-515057	Capt(C CH)	5310 *Gp Chaplain (Catholic)
WIEBKE, HENRY C.	0-266931	Capt	9301 *Intelligence Staff Off (S-2)
WILLIAMS, James V. Jr.	0-423629	Capt	2556 *Gunnery & Bomb. Range O.
ALLEN, John G.	0-650264	1st Lt.	6402 *Ass't Stat Cont Off
BENNETT, Bradley J.	0-859698	1st Lt.	4825 *Bombsight Maint. Off.
BIGGS, Davis Jr.	0-865375	1st Lt.	8219 *Weather Officer Surveying Officer
CHASE, Robert D. Jr.	0-861141	1st Lt.	0141 *Electronics Off(Radar)
ESPING, Edward D.	0-880931	1st Lt.	8503 *Ass't Photo Interp Off.
FERRAIOLI, Renato M.	0-562991	1st Lt.	5000 *Ass't Special Serv Off.
GRUNEWALD, John G.	0-581768	1st Lt.	4903 *ASS'T Aircraft Insp Off. (Engineering)
LEWIS, Maurice K. Jr.	0-155586	1st Lt(ORD)	4532 *Ordnance Officer Ordnance Inspector

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LOWE, Charles T.	O-961071	1st Lt.	0200 *Ass't Communications O.
MOLLERUP, Alton L.	O-583978	1st Lt.	5000 *Special Services Officer Orientation Officer Education Officer Postal Officer Mess Officer Censor Billeting Officer
TANNER, Joseph J.	O-863827	1st Lt.	8502 *Photographic Officer
WOOD, William V.	O-582617	2nd Lt.	1042 *Personal Equipment Off.
FISHER, Harold W.	W-2104051	CWO	8502 *Ass't Photo Officer

2. All previous orders in conflict with the above are hereby rescinded.

* PRINCIPAL DUTY.

By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr.
 /t/ ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #10-1.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)APO 140, U S Army,
6 October 1944.SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 128)

1. Having been asgd to this group per par 1 SO #275, Sec I, Hq, 70th Repl Dep (AAF), dtd October 1, 1944, the Following named Os and BM are hereby asgd to orgns ind:

644TH BOMB SQ (L)

2D LT CHARLES D. LAMOND 0749482
2D LT WILLIAM A. FRITZ 0749898
Cpl Donald Q. Garner 33632243 (748)
Cpl Charles H. Packard 11141988 (611)
Cpl Anthony F. DeCeetanza 33789007 (612)

1ST LT THOMAS E. DAVENPORT 0661195
Cpl Raleigh B. Batton 14191978 (612)
Cpl Cornelius Wrba 32716712 (611)

2D LT CLEM H. COOK 0-765227
Cpl William L. Jones 18115363 (748)
Cpl Louis E. Yost 35216104 (612)

645TH BOMB SQ (L)

F/O RICHARD J. LOUGHEAD T1917
2D LT DOUGLAS L. REED 0760912
Cpl Harry B. Getgen 33509576 (612)
Cpl Robert L. Hill 35798878 (748)

2D LT ROBERT A. MOORE 0760652
Cpl Clermont C. Allton 35625338 (612)
Cpl Julius Brantley 34803029 (748)
Cpl Henry J. Frovenzon 32854543 (612)

646TH BOMB SQ (L)

2D LT THAD C. WILLIAMS 0760714
Cpl Kenneth N. Davis 13032720 (612)
Cpl Merlin L. Evans 39331616 (748)
2D LT LAWRENCE L. FULLER 0765243
Cpl William D. Teuteberg Jr 13128507 (612)

2D LT ALFRED A. DULA 0760696
Sgt Richard J. Graybill 33503334 (611)
Cpl Chales L. Martel 36850843 (612)

2D LT ARTHUR C. MICALLEF 0722519
Cpl George W. Wilson Jr 14190325 (748)

1ST LT WALTER A. WHITEHEAD 0792414
T/Sgt Norbert E. Nissen 6913271 (748)
Cpl Michael A. DiLucchio 33696696 (612)

647TH BOMB SQ (L)

2D LT KENNETH F. LINDBERG 0799034
Cpl John C. Martinez 38539304 (612)
Cpl Raymond V. Romanski 36656967 (612)

2D LT JOHN H. CARVER JR 0760568
Cpl Joseph K. Edwards 37347666 (748)
Cpl George L. Poyovich 36752187 (612)

2D LT LANCE R. BELL 0763909
Cpl Donald F. Brown 34823104 (612)

2D LT ARTHUR T. DRYDEN 0763973
Cpl Martin J. Ball 36852235 (748)

Special Order #128, par #1, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L), dtd 6 Oct. '44, CONT'D

647TH BOMB SQ (L), CONT'D

Cpl Cecil M. Haithcock 34608762 (748)

Cpl William E. Parker 34726821 (612)

By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr.,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #10-1a.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U S Army,
12 October 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER

130)

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

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2. A Special Courts-Martial is appointed to meet at AAF Station A58N at the call of the senior member thereof, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it:

MAJOR EDWIN L. MEANS, 0320649, AC (President)
CAPT JAMES W. SEAY, 0649856, AC (Member)
1ST LT ARTHUR L. RODDA, 0582324, AC (Member)
1ST LT JOE G. HARWELL, 0581803 AC (Member)
1ST LT JIM W. SOWELL, 0576345, AC (Member)
1ST LT DAVID BIGGS, 0865375, AC (Member)
CAPT DONALD M. HUTCHINSON, 0385569, AC (Defence Counsel)
1ST LT WILLIAM M. BARTLETT, 0570397, AC (Asst Defense Counsel)
CAPT GLENN D. COMMONS, 0913646, AC (Trial Judge Advocate)
1ST LT HERBERT R. SAGE, 0581168, AC (Asst Trial Judge Advocate)

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By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHCROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr.,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHCROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps.,
Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #10-2.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U S Army,
16 October 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 131)

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

1. MAJOR ROBERT W. PAULSON is hereby reld fr asgmt Hq, 410th Bomb Gp (L) and trfd to 644th Bomb Sq (L) and sptd Commanding Officer of the 644th Bomb Sq (L) vice MAJOR JACK C. CLARK, 0401369 trfd.

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By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr.,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #10-3.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)APO 140, U S Army,
19 October 1944.SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 132)

1. Having been asgd to this group per per 16 SO #287, Hq, 70th Repl
Dep (AAF), APO 635, dtd 13 October 1944, the fol named Officers and PW
are asgd to orgns ind:

645TH BOMB SQ (L)

2D LT ROBERT H. GURLEY O-755332	2D LT MARSHALL HYDE O764899
2D LT ROBERT S. AYERS O-761691	Pvt Leroy C. Gilliland 36476079 (748)
Cpl Ralph E. Moore 34802127 (612)	Cpl Leslie E. Wonderleigh
Cpl Edwin L. Crowell Jr. 32753078 (748)	35623467 (612)
Cpl Francis T. Schlogel 33829808 (612)	

646TH BOMB SQ (L)

2D LT WAYNE C. EDWARDS O-760697	2D LT DONALD A. PENGELLY O-760904
Cpl Beverly R. Ricketts 35446214 (612)	Sgt Quentin F. Furlow 33240309 (748)
Cpl Walter L. Ziemer 36481589 (748)	Cpl Franklin W. Meyer 33829545 (612)
2D LT WILLIAM P. SMITH O-760919	F/O WALTER L. KRAGER T-331
Cpl George J. Gresh 35064627 (748)	Cpl Dan W. Wigginton 35732139 (748)
Cpl Vincent B. Sturm 37569411 (612)	Cpl Harvey L. Orlender 36666876 (612)

2D LT LOREN C. COVINGTON O-761783
Sgt Joseph P. Moniz 31090491 (612)
Cpl John S. Mauser 13114791 (612)

647TH BOMB SQ (L)

2ND LT CHARLES W. PALMER O-765306	2D LT ALLEN R. WEBSTER O-760935
Cpl George E. Beauchamp 17064620 (748)	Cpl Ralph H. Page 34653295 (612)
Cpl Henry A. Woods 32952731 (612)	Cpl Frank L. Rankin Jr. 32771263 (748)

F/O RICHARD E. SMITH T-2158
Cpl Antonio V. d'Ambra 11112319 (748)
Cpl Lonnie J. Taylor 34823136 (612)

By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHEOP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr.,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHEOP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #10-4.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

AFPO 140, U S Army,
23 October 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 134)

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

1. Having been attached to this Group per par 16 SO #24, Hq, 9th Bomb Div, fr 391st Bomb Gp (M), 1ST LT ROBERT G. OELRICH, 01643932, Sig C, is attached to 644th Bomb Sq (L), for rations, quarters and administration.

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6. CAPTAIN JAMES D. KELLY, O-755394, is hereby reld fr asgmt 646th Bomb Sq (L) and asgd to Hq, 410th Bomb Gp (L) and aptd Group Engineering O (PRIN DY) (1022).

By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr.,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #10-5.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U S Army,
25 October 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 135)

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4. MAJOR FRITZ BRONNER, O-917211, AC, Hq, 410th Bomb Gp (L), is hereby
reld Group Intelligence Officer (PRIN DY).

5. CAPTAIN HENRY C. WIEBKE, O-266931, Hq, 410th Bomb Gp (L) is hereby
aptd Group S-2 Officer (PRIN DY) vice MAJOR FRITZ BRONNER O917211 reld.

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By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ ROSS B. Northrop, Jr.,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #10-6.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U S Army,
21 Nov. 1944.

GROUP STRENGTH AND SQUADRON, for Month of October, 1944:

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>1 Oct. '44</u>		<u>15 Oct. '44</u>		<u>31 Oct. '44</u>	
	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq.	38	65	39	66	39	67
644th Sq.	51	301	59	308	58	304
645th Sq.	51	303	52	304	55	309
646th Sq.	49	304	51	303	49	309
647th Sq.	49	308	55	314	55	318
TOTALS	248	1281	256	1295	256	1307

BERNARD J. GOLDEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Gp Historical O.

EXHIBIT #10-7.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U. S. Army,
21 Nov. 1944.

CASUALTIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

2nd Lt. George W. Barnard, 645th Bomb Sq, KIA, 7 October 1944. Pilot.
2nd Lt. Jon V. Pruden, 646th Bomb Sq, KIA, 6 October 1944. Pilot.
Sgt. Edward J. Zullo, 646th Bomb Sq, KIA, 6 October 1944. Mech-Gun.
Sgt. Jacob O. Brown, 646th Bomb Sq, MIA 6 October 1944. Arm-Gun.

Lt. Col. Charles M. Perrett, 646th Bomb Sq, KIA, 28 October 1944. Pilot.
1st Lt. Frank Braisted, 644th Bomb Sq, MIA, 28 October 1944. Pilot.
S/Sgt Jimmie E. Dirigo, Jr., 644th Bomb Sq, MIA, 28 October 1944. Arm-Gun.
S/Sgt Bernard M. Craig, 644th Bomb Sq, MIA, 28 October 1944, Arm-Gun.
S/Sgt John H. Deutch, 644th Bomb Sq (L), MIA, 28 October 1944. Arm-Gun.

EXHIBIT #10-8.



TOP

Lt. Col. Charles M. Parrett

Killed while on Mission 27 October 1944.

BOTTOM

Lt. Col. Parrett's crashed plane.

EXHIBIT NO. 10-8

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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APO #140, U. S. Army,
10 November 1944.

BATTLE CASUALTIES FROM 1 MAY '44 TO 31 OCT '44.

MAY		Changes in Status		K	W	M
Lt. Robinson	646th BS	MIA	27 May '44 to POW 27 July '44			
S/Sgt. Cravens	646th BS	MIA	27 May '44 to POW 8 Sept '44			
S/Sgt. Schendel	646th BS	MIA	27 May '44 to POW 27 July '44			
Lt. Clisham	645th BS	LIA	27 May '44 to RTD 29 May '44		1	
Lt. Thompson	647th BS	MIA	27 May '44			1
Sgt. Tourbier	647th BS	MIA	27 May '44 to RTD 7 Sept '44			
S/Sgt. Jones, G.W.	647th BS	MIA	27 May '44 to RTD 7 Sept '44			
S/Sgt. Sheatzley	646th BS	KIA	27 May '44	1		
S/Sgt. Hodgkin	645th BS	SWA	27 May '44 to TRFD 28 June '44		1	
Totals for May.....				1	2	1

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Lt. Bruce	644th BS	MIA	3 June '44			1
S/Sgt. Hanfling	644th BS	MIA	3 June '44			1
S/Sgt. Gunsolley	644th BS	MIA	3 June '44			1
Lt. Randolph	644th BS	MIA	3 June '44 to KIA 10 Nov '44	1		
S/Sgt. Sabag	644th BS	MIA	3 June '44 to KIA 10 Nov '44	1		
S/Sgt. DeSanno	644th BS	MIA	3 June '44 to KIA 10 Nov '44	1		
S/Sgt. Silsby	647th BS	KIA	6 June '44	1		
Lt. Keebler	647th BS	SWA	6 June '44 to TRFD 27 June '44		1	
Lt. Goodchild	646th BS	MIA	6 June '44			1
S/Sgt. Preston	646th BS	MIA	6 June '44 to POW 8 Sept '44			
S/Sgt. Sanford	646th BS	MIA	6 June '44 to POW 8 Sept '44			
Lt. Metz	645th BS	MIA	7 June '44			1
S/Sgt. Lindamood	645th BS	MIA	7 June '44			1
S/Sgt. Warrington	645th BS	MIA	7 June '44			1
Lt. McSwain	646th BS	SIA	10 June '44 to RTD 27 June '44		1	
S/Sgt. Dellaposta	646th BS	KIA	10 June '44	1		
S/Sgt. Nailen	646th BS	MIA	10 June '44			1
S/Sgt. Tonner	644th BS	LIA	25 June '44 to TRFD 24 July '44		1	
Lt. Lamb	644th BS	LIA	24 June '44 to RTD 30 June '44		1	
Totals for June.....				5	4	8

July

S/Sgt. Brennan	646th BS	KIA	5 July '44	1		
S/Sgt. Middleton	646th BS	LIA	5 July '44 to TRFD 10 Aug '44		1	
Lt. Fagan	647th BS	MIA	6 July '44			1
Lt. Wilson	647th BS	MIA	6 July '44			1
S/Sgt. Gage	647th BS	MIA	6 July '44 to KIA 6 July '44	1		
S/Sgt. Appel	647th BS	MIA	6 July '44 to KIA 6 July '44	1		
Lt. Stablein	647th BS	MIA	6 July '44 to RTD 19 Aug '44			
S/Sgt. Meloney	647th BS	MIA	6 July '44			1

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

JULY

				Changes in Status	K	W	M
S/Sgt Nelson	647th BS	MIA	6 July '44	to KIA 2 Oct '44	1		
Lt. Johnson, G.A.	645th BS	MIA	25 July '44	to SWA 10 Aug '44			
				to RTD 11 Sept '44		1	
S/Sgt Jacques	645th BS	MIA	25 July '44				1
S/Sgt Belis	645th BS	MIA	25 July '44	to KIA 4 Nov '44	1		
Totals for July.....					5	2	4

August

Lt. Walsh	644th BS	MIA	4 Aug '44				1
S/Sgt Hacuser	644th BS	MIA	4 Aug '44				1
S/Sgt. Herman	644th BS	MIA	4 Aug '44				1
S/Sgt. Fredericks	645th BS	SWA	5 Aug '44	to TRFD 18 Sept '44		1	
S/Sgt. Christensen	647th BS	SWA	10 Aug '44	to RTD 21 Aug '44		1	
Lt. Rigdon	645th BS	SWA	13 Aug '44	to RTD 21 Aug '44		1	
Lt. Wallace	647th BS	KIA	25 Aug '44		1		
Sgt Stephens	647th BS	KIA	25 Aug '44		1		
Sgt. Bauler	647th BS	SIA	25 Aug '44	to TRFD 16 Sept '44		1	
Lt. Reisted	646th BS	MIA	27 Aug '44	to KIA 18 Sept '44	1		
S/Sgt. Barrett	646th BS	MIA	27 Aug '44	to RTD 5 Sept '44			
S/Sgt Wackowski	646th BS	MIA	27 Aug '44	to RTD 5 Sept '44			
Totals for August.....					3	4	3

SEPTEMBER

Lt. Bever	645th BS	MIA	6 Sept '44				1
S/Sgt. Dumaj	645th BS	MIA	6 Sept '44				1
S/Sgt. Yoos	645th BS	MIA	6 Sept '44				1
Sgt. Scholinick	645th BS	MIA	6 Sept '44	to RTD 17 Sept '44			
				to TRFD 23 Sept '44			
Lt. Baublitz	646th BS	KIA	29 Sept '44		1		
S/Sgt. Weid	646th BS	SIA	29 Sept '44	to TRFD 11 Oct '44		1	
Totals for September.....					1	1	3

OCTOBER

Lt. Pruden	646th BS	KIA	6 Oct '44		1		
Sgt. Zullo	646th BS	KIA	6 Oct '44		1		
Sgt. Brown, J.O.	646th BS	MIA	6 Oct '44				1
Sgt. Harehus	644th BS	SIA	6 Oct '44	to TRFD 27 Oct '44		1	
Lt. Barnard	645th BS	KIA	7 Oct '44		1		
Pfc. Auciello	644th BS	SWA	13 Oct '44			1	
Lt. Col. Parrett	646th BS	KIA	28 Oct '44		1		
Lt. Braisted	644th BS	MIA	28 Oct '44			1	
S/Sgt Craig	644th BS	MIA	28 Oct '44			1	
S/Sgt. Deutch	644th BS	MIA	28 Oct '44			1	
S/Sgt Dirago	644th BS	MIA	28 Oct '44			1	
Totals for October.....					4	2	5

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CASUALTIES BY MONTH

	K	W	M	T
MAY	1	2	1	4
JUNE	2	4	8	17
JULY	5	2	4	11
AUGUST	3	4	3	10
SEPTEMBER	1	1	3	5
OCTOBER	4	2	5	11
TOTALS	19	15	24	56

CASUALTIES BY SQUADRON

	: Killed ::				Wounded ::				Missing ::				Totals			
	644	645	646	647	644	645	646	647	644	645	646	647	644	645	646	647
MAY	:	:	:	1:	:	:	2:	:	:	:	:	1:	:	2:	1:	1:4
JUNE	:	3:	:	1:	1:	2:	:	1:	1:	3:	3:	2:	:	3:	3:	4: 2:7
JULY	:	:	1:	1:	3:	:	:	1:	1:	:	:	1:	:	3:	2:	6:11
AUGUST	:	:	:	1:	2:	:	2:	:	2:	3:	:	:	:	3:	2:	1: 4:10
SEPTEMBER	:	:	:	1:	:	:	:	1:	:	:	3:	:	:	:	3:	2: :5
OCTOBER	:	:	1:	2:	:	2:	:	:	:	4:	:	1:	:	6:	1:	4: :11
TOTAL	3	2	8	6	4	5	3	3	10	7	3	4	17	14	14	14 58

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GRO: P. HUQT. A-58 FRANCE (MONTMARTRE)



410th Group Headquarters - A-58 France



TOP

Operations Building - A-58 France.

BOTTOM

German Bombs along Highway - A-58 France.

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64TH Bomb Sq. A-58 France (410th Hst)



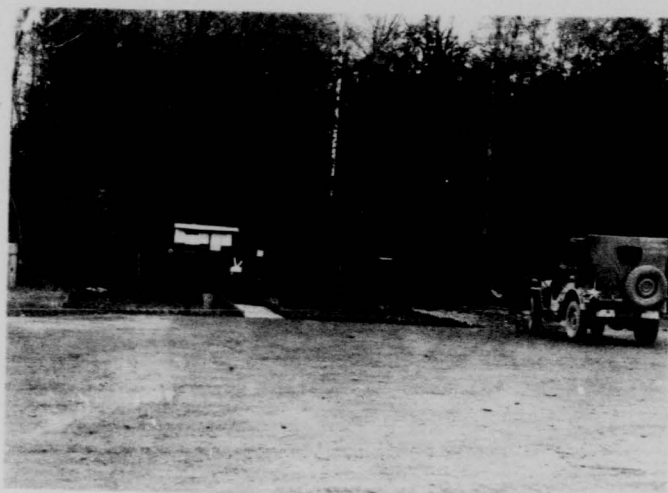
64TH Bomb Sq. A-58 France (410th Hst)

Squadron Areas - A-58 France

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Squadron Areas - 158 France.



Squadron Areas - A-58 France.

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TOP

American Red Cross Site.

BOTTOM

646th Officer's Club.

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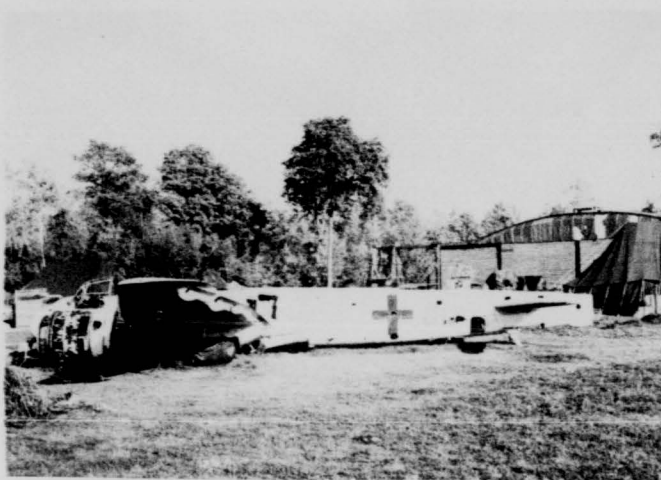
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P-61 based at A-58 until 410th moved in.

BOTTOM

Runway Construction and Repair.

EXHIBIT NO. 10.10



German Bombers - A-58 France.

EXHIBIT NO. 10-10



French American Club, Coulommiers, France.

EXHIBIT NO. 10-11



410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE GROUP TRAINING OFFICER

8 October 1944

SPECIAL TRAINING SCHEDULE (NAVIGATION, MAP READING, TARGET IDENTIFICATION).

SUBJECT	TIME	DATE	PLACE	PERSONNEL TO ATTEND	RESPONSIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL OFFICER
INTRODUCTORY LECTURE	0900	9	Briefing Room	Bombardiers and Pilots	Col. Beaty
I. TARGET IDENTIFICATION					
a. Marshalling Yards.	1000	9	Assem.	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
b. Bridges	1030	9	Tent	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
c. Fortifications and Strong Points	1055	9	Tent	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
d. Road Junctions.	1100	9	Assem.	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
e. Ammunition, Fuel and Supply Dumps.	1130	9	Tent	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
f. Airdromes.	1400	9	Assem.	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
g. Miscellaneous.	1430	9	Tent	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
II. FOUR (4) LECTURES BY SELECTED BOMBARDIER-NAVIGATORS (Lectures to include errors made in bombing and navigation, difficulties normally experienced, and methods used to obviate errors).	1455	9	Assem.	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
	1500	9	Tent	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
	1530	9	Assem.	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
	1600	9	Tent	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Golden.
III. NAVIGATION					
a. Review of basic principles of Dead Reckoning navigation to include use of E-6R Computer.	0900	10	Assem.	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Dunn.
	1100	10	Tent	Bombardiers and Pilots	Capt. Dunn.

SPECIAL TRAINING SCHEDULE (NAVIGATION, MAP READING, TARGET IDENTIFICATION), CONT'D. PAGE 2.

SUBJECT	TIME	DATE	PLACE	PERSONNEL TO ATTEND-RESPONSIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL OFFICER
b. Principles of Pilotage	0900 1100	11 Oct.	Assem. Tent.	Bombardiers and Pilots
c. Use of Gee Equipment over Continent	1400 1600	11 Oct.	Assem. Tent.	Bombardiers and Pilots
d. Use of other radio aids to navigation	0900 1100	12 Oct.	Assem. Tent.	Bombardiers and Pilots

IV. MAP READING.

a. Use of 1:500000; 1:2500; 1:100000; and 1:50000 scale maps.	1400 1600	12 Oct.	Assem. Tent.	Bombardiers and Pilots
b. Application of maps to available terrain and target photographs.	0900 1000	13 Oct.	Assem. Tent.	Bombardiers and Pilots
c. Use of maps for operations without aid of photographs.	1000 1100	13 Oct.	Assem. Tent.	Bombardiers and Pilots

V. PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY OF GERMANY AND EASTERN FRANCE WEST OF THE 12TH MERIDIAN OF LONGITUDE. 0900 13 Assem. Bombardiers and Lt. Sullivan.
 This course will be continued for all personnel and to 1100 Oct. Tent. Pilots
 until they are able to sketch free hand and with-1400 17
 out reference to any source the principal river 1600 Oct.
 systems, mountain systems, principal cities and
 railway systems within the above area together
 with bomb line as presently located. (Course will
 continue beyond period specified for personnel
 who do not comply with above requirements).

VI. INTELLIGENCE

Lecture for pilots and bombardiers on the strategical 0900 18 Assem. Bombardiers and
 and tactical trends with emphasis upon the Air Plan 1100 Oct. Tent. Pilots Capt. Wiebke.
 of the 97th Combat Bombardment Wing (L) and the IX
 Bombardment Division (M). These Lectures will be
 continued weekly.

SPECIAL TRAINING SCHEDULE (NAVIGATION, MAP READING, TARGET IDENTIFICATION), CONT'D PAGE 3.

VII. PRACTICAL NAVIGATION TRAINING.

- a. Pilot-Bombardier Teams; All pilot-Bombardier Teams will complete all the following navigation training missions at operational altitudes:
 1. Base - Le Mans - Rennes - Carentan - Argentan - Beauvais - Base, Total distance 543 miles.
 2. Base - Lille - Saint Omer - Abbeville - Amiens - Verneuil - Etampes - Base, Total distance 439 miles.
 3. Base - 48° 02'N 02° 45' E - Chateaudun - Lille - Fauville A/D - Compiègne - Base, Total distance 395 miles.
 4. Base - Laon - St. Quentin - Neufchatel - Senlis - Chateau Thieris - Base, Total distance 288 Miles.
- b. Pilots - Completion of at least two (2) of the above navigation training missions at operational altitudes.

ADDITIONAL NOTE:

A roll call will be taken at each class. Personnel unable to attend classes because of other duties will attend repeat classes according to instructions to be issued by the Group Training Officer.

By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROBERT J. HUGHEY,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Air Executive.

EXHIBIT #10-12.

GP-410-111
Nov 1944

S E C R E T

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UNIT HISTORY

HQ, 410TH BOMB GROUP (L)

APO 140

UNITED STATES ARMY

COVERING THE PERIOD 1 NOV.'44 TO 30 NOV.'44

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I. ORGANIZATION AND CHANGES IN KEY PERSONNEL:

The first Major change to take place in the 410th Bombardment Group (L) during the month of November occurred on the second day of the month, at which time, Major Rolf D. Cape was appointed Commanding Officer of the 646th Bombardment Squadron (L), vice Lt. Colonel Charles M. Parrett, killed in action⁴⁹. Major Edwin L. Means, 645th Bombardment Sq (L), was detailed as Summary Court Officer, 10 November 1944⁵⁰. 1st Lt. Renato M. Ferraioli appointed Group Special Service Officer, vice 1st Lt. Alton L. Mollerup, relieved⁵¹.

II. STRENGTH:⁵²

The over-all strength of the 410th Bombardment Group (L) on 1 November 1944 comprised 260 Officers and 1306 Enlisted Men of whom 39 Officers and 66 Enlisted Men were members of Group Headquarters. The middle of the month found an over-all increase of 14 Officers and 20 Enlisted Men with Headquarters losing and gaining one Officer and one Enlisted Man, respectively. The last day of November found the strength of the Group at 1658 men, 303 Officers and 1355 Enlisted Men with all Squadron strength increasing but Headquarters strength falling off one Enlisted Man to 38 Officers and 66 Enlisted Men. The over-all increase of 43 Officers and 49 Enlisted Men was due mainly to the assignment of replacement combat crews, most of whom arrived at this organization from Headquarters 70th Replacement Depot⁵³.

III. LOSSES IN ACTION:

For the first time in many months the 410th Bombardment Group (L) was fortunate in not losing any men in action and having but two men, Lt. Howard B. Aines and S/Sgt Robert E. Evans wounded in action. These two casualties occurred on a mission into Germany when the aircraft carrying Aines and Evans and piloted by Captain Robert F. Valtr of the 644th Bombardment Squadron (L), was hit by flak and the Bombardier, Lieutenant Aines critically wounded.

- 49. S.O. #137, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L). Exhibit #11-1,
- 50. S.O. #139, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L). Exhibit #11-2,
- 51. S.O. #143, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L). Exhibit #11-3,
- 52. Breakdown by Squadrons. Exhibit #11-4,
- 53. S.O. #137, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L). Exhibit #11-5; S.O. #141, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L). Exhibit #11-6; S.O. #148, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L). Exhibit #11-7.

III. LOSSES IN ACTION, cont'd:

Forced to fall behind, Captain Valtr and his crew continued over the target, dropped their bombs and returned to friendly territory. In the meantime fumes from the punctured gas tanks filled the gunners compartment and only quick thinking by Private Wysowski, turret gunner saved the life of Sergeant Evans. Spotting a field suitable for crash-landing, Captain Valtr bailed out his crew and with the assistance of Wysowski who cleared the field of cattle and "marked" it with his parachute, he was able to successfully crash-land his plane. For their part in the mission, the crew members have been recommended for the DFC⁵⁴.

IV. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Recipient of the prized Silver Star was 1st Lt. Allen A. Rigdon of the 645th Bombardment Sq (L)⁵⁵. His plane badly crippled and himself painfully wounded, Lt. Rigdon nursed his aircraft over the target, dropped his bombs and returned to friendly territory where he successfully crash-landed. To Deputy Commander, Lt. Colonel Hughey, went the 1st OLC to the Distinguished Flying Cross. Lt. Colonel Hughey has been an inspirational and fighting leader and his record in the ETO is undoubtedly one of the finest in the Bomb Division. As formation leader, Lt. Colonel Hughey is piling up a string of excellents that is giving the rest of the men something to shoot at.

Other awards during the month included eleven Bronze Star Medals⁵⁶, two Purple Hearts⁵⁷, 126 Seventh OLC, 12 Eighth OLC, 1 Eleventh OLC, 1 Twelfth OLC, 1 Thirteenth OLC and 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster⁵⁸.

V. STATION LIFE:

The month of November found each Squadron opening it's Enlisted Mens' Club and Officers' Club. Construction of the Clubs was accomplished by the men themselves, the finished products surpass by far, anything this Group has had since date of activation. Serving beer, cognac and the many and varied other French drinks, the clubs offer a place for entertainment in addition to furnishing a place where the men can, if they desire, "let their hair down".

- 54. See Unit History, 644th Bombardment Squadron (L),
- 55. G.O. #268, Hq IX Air Force, 15 November 1944,
- 56. G.O. #26 and 35, Hq IX Bombardment Division (M),
- 57. G.O. #26, Hq IX Bombardment Division (M),
- 58. G.O. #28, Hq IX Bombardment Division (M).

V. STATION LIFE, cont'd:

Opening of the club found an up-surge in morale and everything is apparently running smoothly. In town, the boys still have their French-American club but cold and dampness have cut deeply into the attendance with each passing week finding the number still decreasing.

VI. TRAINING:⁵⁹

The month of November found night flying and transition training increasing and all available planes were in the air, weather permitting. Possessor of three types of attack bombers - A-20, A-26, and B-26 - the 410th Bombardment Group (L) is perhaps alone in this respect. Every pilot who has placed his hands on the controls of the Invader has nothing but praise for the aircraft and usually speaks of it in superlative only. Quick to get some A-26 time, Lt. Colonel Hughey, in characteristic Hughey fashion, claims "she's one hell'uva good airplane". We'll take his word for it.

The Group Gunnery section under Captain James V. Williams, carried out a training program which shows much accomplished in gunnery line. The program included classroom instruction and actual experience with interest unusually high⁶⁰.

VII. 410TH IN THE WAR EFFORT:

The first target of the month was the railroad overpass at Kaiserlautern with two boxes attempting unsuccessfully to knock out the bridge. Set up as a PPF mission, the first box was forced to bomb visually under unfavorable circumstances when the equipment in the PPF aircraft failed. The second box bombed on PPF with bombs bursting 1800 feet Southwest of the target. Other missions were flown against Baumholder, Eschweiler, Durwiss, Zarnhoff, Homburg, Faulquemont, Ahrweiler, Landau, Aulenbach, Birgel, Limburg and Erp.

Blind bombing technique was employed at Baumholder, Homburg, Ahrweiler, Landau and Limburg. Cloud cover at each of these targets was 10/10's and results of the missions were undetermined due to lack of photographic coverage.

59. See copy of report. Exhibit #11-8,
60. Gunnery Report. Exhibit #11-9.

VII. 410TH IN THE WAR EFFORT, cont'd:

Visual bombing missions were flown against Eschweiler, Paulquemont, Durwiss, Zarnhoff and Birgel. The attack on Eschweiler strong points took place on 4 November 1944, with results ranging from poor to excellent. 100% of the total weight of more than 32 tons of GP bombs burst inside the target area and results were determined by higher command as highly satisfactory. During the two weeks following the attack on Eschweiler, the 410th could fly no visual bombing missions but on 18 November 1944, the Group was assigned the job of hitting the defended village of Durwiss. Taking over from the PPF aircraft the formation leader decided to attack visually with the result that 85% of the bombs of the first box and 95% of the bombs of the second box burst within a 1000 feet radius of the aiming point. Bursts blanketed buildings, streets and defended positions in the target area and results were excellent.

The day following, 19 November 1944, 52 aircraft were dispatched by the 410th against the enemy warehouse site at Zarnhoff. Of four flights rated, three had excellent and one had fair results. Seventy-five tons of bombs were dropped on the target by the A-20 raiders and the bursts blanketed most of the warehouse area. Last visual bombing target of the month was the defended village of Birgel against which the Group dispatched thirty-seven aircraft. Of the six flights attacking the target, four had excellent results, with one flight misidentifying and attacking the wrong target and a sixth flight had no photo coverage. The mission had been requested by the Ground forces and immediately following its completion, the commanding General sent his congratulations on a job well-done.

Looking back the Group can justifiably feel proud of its work during the month of November - looking ahead it hopes for more such missions as that at Birgel. Part of a great team, the Group enjoys leading interference for their buddies on the ground.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U S Army,
2 November 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 137)

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6. Major Rolf D. Cape, O-417248, 646th Bomb Sq (L) is hereby aptd
Commanding Officer of the 646th Bomb Sq (L) vice LT COL. CHARLES M. PARRETT,
O-399549 KIA.

By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr.,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U S Army,
10 November 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 139)

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

1. Confirming VOCO, MAJOR EDWIN L. MEANS, 0320649, 645th Bomb Sq (L) is detailed as Summary Court Officer effective 27 Sept 1944 for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before him.

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By order of Colonel BEATY:

MORRIS A. GELFAND,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Morris A. Gelfand,
/t/ MORRIS A. GELFAND,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #11-2.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U S Army,
17 November 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 143)

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

1. 1ST LT RENATO W. FERRAIOLI, 0562991, Hq, 410th Bomb Gp (L), is hereby
aptd Group Special Service O (PRIN DY) vice 1ST LT ALTON L. MOLLERUP, O 563978,
reld.

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By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHPROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr.,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHPROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #11-3.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U S Army,
20 Dec. 1944.

GROUP STRENGTH AND SQUADRON, for the Month of November, 1944:

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>1 Nov. '44.</u>		<u>15 Nov. '44.</u>		<u>30 Nov. '44.</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>EM.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>EM.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>EM.</u>
Hq.	39	66	38	67	38	66
644th Bomb Sq (L)	58	304	58	307	71	320
645th Bomb Sq (L)	56	309	58	313	73	330
646th Bomb Sq (L)	52	309	61	316	61	318
647th Bomb Sq (L)	55	318	59	323	60	321
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TOTALS	260	1306	274	1326	303	1355

EXHIBIT #11-4.

SO #137, dated 2 November 1944, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L), APO 140, US Army, CONT'D

ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr.,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps.,
Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #11-5.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140 U S Army,
2 Nov. 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 137)

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1. Having been asgd to this group per par 1 SO#296, Hq 70th Repl Depot (AAF), dtd 22-10-44, the fol named Officers and EM are asgd to orgns ind:

645TH BOMB SQ (L)

2D LT CARL N. STINSON 0765342
2D LT CHARLES E. MEADOWS 0722518
Cpl Donald R. Van Ness 42014017 (612)
Cpl Howard F. Yantis 33627115 (748)

646TH BOMB SQ (L)

2D LT RONALD G. BILLINGS 0718828	2D LT JACK A. THORP 0718951
2D LT ROBERT M. NUSHAWG 0722529	2D LT MARTON H. ANDERSEN 0722455
Cpl Ellis W. McLean 37661405 (612)	Cpl William Schenkman 42031600 (612)
Cpl Richard W. Smith 42000562 (748)	Cpl Kurth S. Smith 39570752 (748)

647TH BOMB SQ (L)

2D LT JESSE B. LITTLE 0773176	2D LT HAROLD M. BEARDALL II 0769375
2D LT ORVAL G. SIMONS JR. 0722761	2D LT ALBERT MAYOR 0759876 (Hosp)
Sgt Francis D. Aspell 32298014	Cpl William J. Taylor III 203233498 (612)
Cpl Gerald M. Bingen 16008274 (748)	Cpl William F. Wiesner 33681751 (748)

2. Having been asgd to this Group per par 2 SO#35, Hq, 9th Bomb Div (M), dtd 31 October 1944, the fol named Officers and EM are asgd to 644th Bomb Sq (L):

2D LT CLARENCE E. BENSON 0170295, AC,
2D LT ROBERT C. CHAMBERS, 0764609, AC,
S/Sgt Rey N. Hindman, 17146503, AC
Cpl William W. Cook, 32753194, AC,

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By order of Colonel BEATTY:

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 140, U S Army,
13 Nov. 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 141)

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2. Having been asgd to this group per par 8 SO #45, Hq 9th Bombardment Division (M), dtd 10 November 1944, the fol named Officers and EM are asgd to the 646th Bomb Sq (L).

1ST LT FRANCIS S. BREWSTER	O 667931 (P)	CAPT LEE J SUTTON, JR O 421408 (P)
1ST LT LEWIS W DENNIS	O 727321 (BN)	S/Sgt Delbert C Gilliam 17009926
S/Sgt Wendell O Clark	20833480 (748)	(748)
1ST LT CLYDE S JORDAN	O 622122 (P)	1ST LT DAN O TURNER, JR O 677330 (P)
S/Sgt Kenneth F Jensen	18064964 (748)	S/Sgt Manuel R Reyes 18058457 (748)

By Order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHPROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr.,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHPROP, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #11-6.

Per 1 SO#142, Hq, 4101 Bomb Gp (L), APO 140, U S Army, dtd 28 Nov'44 CONT'D

647TH BOMB SQ (L) CONT'D

S/Sgt John Taylor, Jr, 16168793 AG

2. Having been asgd to this group per par 15 SO#58, Hq, 9th Bomb Div (M), dated 23 November 1944, the fol named ~~PM~~ are asgd to orgn ind:

T/Sgt Edward L. Stephens, 20452150 (750)	645th Bomb Sq (L)
T/Sgt Idris C. Hill, 14092243 (750)	644th Bomb Sq (L)
T/Sgt Thaddous A. Davidson, 39678707 (750)	645th Bomb Sq (L)
Sgt Earl R. Hallenburg, 35300237 (750)	644th Bomb Sq (L)
T/Sgt James E. Higdon, Jr, 34199401 (750)	645th Bomb Sq (L)
T/Sgt Charles M. Simpson, 18083559 (750)	647th Bomb Sq (L)
T/Sgt Charles D. Giglio, 14130070 (750)	644th Bomb Sq (L)

3. Having been asgd to this group per par 6 SO #59 Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), dated 24 November 1944, the fol named Officers and ~~PM~~ are asgd to 647th Bomb Sq (L):

MAJOR CHESLEY I. SWANN 0400715 P	2D LT MARVIN H HUGHEY 0405836 P
F/O FRED QUINTAL T5034 CP	1ST LT JOHN J KEOWN 0700629 N
1ST LT RAY A RIEMAN 0695232 N	2D LT NORMAN M PALMER 0715305 CP
1ST LT LEONARD W. HERMAN O 734797	CAPT ROBERT M CAMPION JR 0724200 B
T/Sgt Wilbert C Norman 6917130 EG	S/Sgt Lee E. Gelecki 20302185 EG
T/Sgt James B. Galey 17032761 G	S/Sgt Joseph A. Pelletier 12121643 RG
T/Sgt Allen F. Meaux 16046364 RG	S/Sgt Conrad D. Hornback 32661285 AG
T/Sgt Garwin T. Starks, 15086682 (750)	S/Sgt Frank E. Meyers, 34199433 (750)
1ST LT JOSEPH G. HOLLMEYER 0467519 P	2D LT ROBERT K PATEE 0715308 CP
2ND LT ALVA L. DUCKWALL JR 0744976 BN	CAPT JOSEPH E. NESTOR 0798858 N
Sgt Alvin H. Schneider 18190771 EG	S/Sgt Steven G. Zserdin 36382468 RG
T/Sgt Fredric G. Reetz 37195451 (750)	

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By order of Colonel BEATY:

ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Ross B. Northrop, Jr,
/t/ ROSS B. NORTHROP, JR,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

EXHIBIT #11-7.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)APO 140, U S Army,
28 November 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 148)

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1. Having been asgd to this group per par 14, SO#58, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), dated 23 November 1944, the fol named Officers and EM are asgd to orgns indicated:

644TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

1ST LT DAN D. BEEBE, 0759401 P
2D LT GEORGE REID, 0779221 CP
1ST LT JOHN H BONUS, 0763017 B
S/Sgt Walter J Dzik, 36650555 EG
S/Sgt Edward R Baack, 37501212 RG
S/Sgt Samuel T. Chipman, 35265444 AG
2D LT HECTOR A. TOURANGEAU, 0744109 N

2D LT EDWIN C. AIKENS, 0668378 P
2D LT JOHN P AHLERS, 0713987 CP
2D LT GEORGE W CRITTENDEN, 0766215 B
1ST LT JUDAH H LEWITTERS, 0700745 N
S/Sgt Charles A Moss 14107736 RG
S/Sgt Robert F Burton, 35218298 EG
Sgt Kenneth E Boucher, 20142034 AG

2D LT HARRY A BADE, JR., 0805725 P
2D LT HADDON C STOSBERG, 0721245 CP
1ST LT ANGELO A PALOMBI, 0724065 N
2D LT EARL M CARAWAY, 0556021 B
S/Sgt Earl Cobb, 18062683 EG
Sgt Leo Ross, 16029390 RG
Sgt John N Mahoney, 18159845 AG

645TH BOMB SQ (L)

CAPT OTTO A KRUMBACH, 0428683 P
2D LT HERBERT D GILRUTH, 0817424 CP
1ST LT STEPHEN BOYKO, 0731449 B
1ST LT ARNOLD I KAPLAN, 01994459 N
S/Sgt Leonard D Abbott, 33349720 EG
Sgt Allen D Harris, 19144199 RG
S/Sgt Harold D Batterson, 37672710 AG
2D LT WILLIAM T. HENDRIX, JR, 0818153 P
2D LT WILLIAM MAIMONIS, 0823405 CP
1ST LT ROBERT M MASON, 0700641 N
2D LT PETER DENISEVICH, JR, 0656707 B
S/Sgt Irving H Gerlach, 32739374 RG
S/Sgt Lyle M Hynes, 16047455 EG
S/Sgt William G Schuh, 36818612 TG

2D LT FRED H PALMER, 0557015 P
2D LT CARL S CHILTON JR., 0720177 CP
2D LT ROBERT W BOLAND, 0722661 B
1ST LT HAROLD R. McINNIS, 0741667 N
Sgt Clayton R Remey, 35790584 EG
Sgt Rodney Van Sweden, 20814435 RG
Sgt Joseph Warburton Jr, 33591619 AG

647TH BOMB SQ (L)

1ST LT WARREN R WEBSTER, 0807545 P
1ST LT RALPH F BUNK, 0746981 B
T/Sgt Joseph T Russell, 33477709

2D LT ROWLAND D WOLFE, 0616388 CP
1ST LT WILLIAM C HENLEY, 0665918 N
S/Sgt John E Anglim, 33310508 EG

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO #140, US Army,
20 Dec. 1944.

TRAINING TIME

November 1944

	<u>Total</u>	<u>644th</u>	<u>645th</u>	<u>646th</u>	<u>647th</u>
Day Flying	899:55	274:55	209:55	214:00	201:05
Transition	104:55	25:25	8:30	60:40	10:20
Navigation	319:10	75:15	95:05	76:25	72:25
Formation	348:10	139:30	86:30	47:45	74:25
Bombing	41:25	16:30	6:00	8:00	10:55
P. D. I.	31:35	8:05	6:15	10:40	6:35
Gee	27:10	10:10	7:35		9:25
Gunnery					
Instrument	27:30			10:30	17:00
Night Flying	107:05	32:25	33:10	16:30	25:00
Transition	99:10	24:45	33:10	16:15	25:00
Navigation	7:40	7:40			
Formation					
Gee					
Instrument	:15			:15	
Synthetic Trainers					
	586:30	166:00	143:00	143:30	134:00
Link Trainer					
Bomb Trainer	38:30	12:00	10:00	10:30	6:00
Bomb Teacher					
Gunnery Trainer	548:00	154:00	133:00	133:00	128:00
Ground School	8739:00	2894:00	3192:00	1275:00	1378:00
Skeet Shooting					

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Ltr: (Cont'd)

e. A-26 Mobile Training Unit Training.
252 man hours.

/s/ James V. Williams, Jr,
/t/ JAMES V. WILLIAMS, JR,
Captain, Air Corps
Group Gunnery Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Gunnery Officer

APC #140, US Army,
17 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Gunnery Report.

TO : Whom It May Concern.

I. Pursuant verbal instructions 9th Bombardment Division Gunnery Officer, the following report is submitted.

II. The period covered by this report is from 1 November 1944, through 30 November 1944.

A. This group has experienced no enemy fighter opposition during the period covered by this report.

B. During the month of November, six gunnery discussions have been held with all gunners attending. The subjects discussed were enemy fighter tactics, sighting methods, and general gunnery problems.

C. No new developments have been made by this group during this period.

D. Activities of the Group and Squadron Gunnery Sections for this period were:

(1) Group Training Accomplished:

a. E-14 Trainer:

546 man hours training time.
145 machine hours operating time.

b. Martin 250 CE-10 Turret:

119 man hours instruction time.
42 machine hours operating time.

c. Weapons Checks:

88 man hours spent checking proficiency of newly assigned gunners.

d. Classroom Instruction:

208 man hours instruction.

(2) Squadron Training Accomplished.

a. Armament Maintenance and Instruction:

1016 man hours.

b. Engineering Maintenance and Instruction.

340 man hours.

c. Weapons blindfold checks:

546 man hours.

d. Aircraft Recognition:

720 man hours.

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UNIT HISTORY

HQ, 410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APC 140

UNITED STATES ARMY

COVERING THE PERIOD 1 DEC.'44 TO 31 DEC.'44.

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I. ORGANIZATION AND CHANGES IN KEY PERSONNEL:

The second day of December found the first change taking place among key personnel of this Group; 1st Lt. Vincent L. Cadigan being relieved from assignment to the 645th Bomb Sq (L) and transferred to Group Headquarters and appointed Group Ordnance Officer, vice 1st Lt. Maurice K. Lewis, relieved⁶¹. One week later, 9 December 1944, Captain Vernon G. Slayton was assigned to the Group⁶² and appointed Medical Administrative Officer⁶³. The eleventh of December found Lt. Colonel Matthew G. McKeever, relieved as Operations Officer and appointed Deputy Group Commander, Lt. Colonel Robert C. Rawl, relieved from assignment as Commanding Officer of the 645th Bombardment Squadron (L), and appointed Group Operations Officer, and Major Ralph G. Kuhn appointed Commanding Officer of the 645th Bomb Sqdn (L)⁶⁴. The same day found Major John P. Whitney assigned to the Group and appointed Group Engineering Officer⁶⁵. Under the provisions of par. #4, AR 600-20, Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Hughey assumed Command of the Group, vice Colonel Sherman R. Beaty, relieved and returned to the States⁶⁶. On 16 December 1944, 1st Lt. Robert A. Hobbs was relieved from assignment to the 645th Bomb Sq (L), and appointed Group Bombardier-Navigator⁶⁷, vice Captain Douglas S. Dunn, relieved and transferred to the 97th Bombardment Training Wing. Last changes in key personnel for the month found 1st Lt. William H. Grimshaw assigned and appointed Group Weather Officer, vice 1st Lt. Davis Biggs, transferred.

II. STRENGTH:

The first day of December found the over-all strength of the Group at 1686 men, 317 Officers and 1369 Enlisted Men, of whom 38 Officers and 66 Enlisted Men were members of Group Headquarters. The middle of the month found an over-all increase of 11 Officers and 5 Enlisted Men with Group Headquarters strength gaining one Officer. The end of the month however, found the over-all Group strength falling off to 1667, 339 Officers and 1328 Enlisted Men. Group Headquarters strength on the last day of the month comprised 38 Officers and 68 Enlisted Men.

- 61. Par. #1, SO #51, Hq, 410th Bomb Gp (L). Exhibit #12-1.
- 62. Par. #27, SO #52, Hq, 134 Replacement Depot (AAF).
- 63. Par. #1, SO #154, Hq, 410th Bomb Gp (L). Exhibit #12-2.
- 64. SO #155, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L), Exhibit #12-3.
- 65. Par. #5, SO #155, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L). Exhibit #12-3.
- 66. General Order #7, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L), Exhibit #12-4.
- 67. Par #4, SO #158, Hq 410th Bomb Gp (L). Exhibit #12-5.
- 68. Strength Breakdown. Exhibit #12-6.

III. LOSSES IN ACTION:⁶⁹

Losses during the month of December totalled 12, two men killed in action, two men seriously injured in action and eight men missing in action.

The first day of December found the Group losing one of its "old timers" as Lt. Ward L. Neff of the 646th Bomb Sq (L) crashed with his bomb load shortly after take-off, just a few miles from the base near the village of Crecy. Lt. Neff broke through the overcast too late to successfully bail out and one of the wing bombs exploded, demolishing the aircraft. Both gunners "hit the silk" and escaped with slight injuries. The day following, 2 December 1944, Lt. C.W. Palmer and his crew crash-landed their A-20 inside enemy territory. One gunner, Sgt Palmer was picked up by an artillery spotting cub and carried to safety from under the very noses of an approaching enemy motor column searching for the plane. Lt. Palmer and his other gunner, Sgt George E. Beauchamp, are "Missing in Action".

On the sixth day of the month, Captain Gerald F. Dale, of the 646th Bomb Sq (L), was killed, attempting to crash land his plane, after having been forced to fly on single engine. Both gunners escaped from the plane but were seriously injured when they parachuted to the ground. On 12 December 1944, Lt. John F. Lubbers and his crew, Sgt Fargue and Sgt Charles L. Spiegel, were, according to eye witness accounts, seen to go into a steep 80 degree dive in the vicinity of Wollseifen. Nothing further was heard of Lt. Lubben and his gunners and they are reported "Missing in action".

Christmas day found the Jerry throwing up plenty of flak over Ahutte, target of the day. Some of the flak found the mark and according to eye witness accounts, a direct hit was scored on the plane piloted by Lt. Clarence Schurman, flipping it on to it's back. The plane was seen falling to earth and exploding. Two parachutes were reported seen by one gunner. Lt. Schurman and his crew S/Sgts John S. Gaul and Milton W. Palmer, are "Missing in Action".

69. See Casualty Report. Exhibit #12-7.

IV. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

The month of December found a scarcity in awards to members of the 410th Bomb Group (L), the awards totalling 5; one DFC, and four Bronze Star Medals. Recipient of the prized DFC was Lt. Robert Lamb of the 644th Bomb Squadron (L)⁷⁰. Lt. Lamb was awarded the DFC upon completion of his 65th mission and returned to the States. Bronze Star Medals were awarded to crew chiefs of the 644th, 645th and 646th Bomb Squadrons⁷¹. Receiving this award were Sergeants Garner C. Gill, Leo C. Tribbey, Clarence V. Cooper and Ellis G. Logan.

V. FIVE DAYS OF SUNSHINE:

For practically three full weeks this group sat around, day after day passed with nothing but "Ceiling zero," and then came the news - Von Rundstedt was counter-attacking and had successfully penetrated the American lines. Under cover of that blanket of fog he raced on and on, and the group still sat and hoped and prayed. Missions were assigned, crews were briefed but not once did the planes take to the air. And then, as if in answer to those hopes, those prayers, the curtain lifted revealing blue skies and a sun that the group had just thought concluded no longer existed. Planes screamed into the air. Hit, hit hard and then go back and hit again and this group and every other group did just that. The stakes were high, the chips were down but there was an ace in the hole Von Rundstedt couldn't match. The ground forces rallied and held, the airforces bombed and strafed. Von Rundstedt was stopped and stopped cold.

Five days of blue skies and sunshine, five days in answer to a million prayers but those five days were all that were needed. Looking back, members of this group see a picture of bomb-laden A-20's roaring down the runways, streaking into the air, the hours of anxious waiting, the craning necks, the searching eyes and the relieved "they dropped them" as the returning planes came in low for the let-down. Looking back they remember the over-lapping briefings and interrogations and the hurried re-loading of A-20's with gas, oil and bombs but most of all they remember the remarkable bombing record of the group during those days when the pressure was greatest. Against targets in the break-through bulge, 311 A-20's dropped a total of 1768 five-hundred pound general purpose bombs on the target and the vast majority of those 442 tons of explosives found their mark as highways, bridges, railroads and communication centers were blasted in the all-out effort to cut enemy communications.

70. G.O. #283, Hq 9th Air Force, 6 December 1944.

71. G.O. #42, Hq 9th Bomb Division. 18 December 1944.

V. FIVE DAYS OF SUNSHINE, cont'd:

They were tired crews and tired planes at the end of those five days but they proved they were an unbeatable team as they established an all-time high in bombing efficiency and theirs is the right to ever feel proud.

VI. 410TH IN THE WAR EFFORT: 72

First target of the month was the high-priority overpass at Sauerlautern. Assigned to this target were 37 A-20's with the mission on 2 December 1944 set up as a blind bombing mission behind PPF aircraft. On the bomb run the Pathfinder aircraft suddenly peeled off and the two boxes of A-20's were forced to bomb the target visually. The first box had difficulty picking up the aiming point and the bombardier synchronized on an important highway intersection in the center of the town. The second box, however, bombed the assigned DMPI with excellent results, scoring probable direct hits and near misses to the overpass, several factories and warehouses and a large number of other buildings in the immediate vicinity. Three days later the group dispatched two boxes of A-20's on a pathfinder mission against the village of Kall, but there was no attack when the equipment in the lead aircraft failed and weather conditions would not permit visual bombing. The day following, 6 December 1944, the defended village of Erkelenz was hit by two boxes of A-20's behind pathfinder aircraft but results of bombing were undetermined due to 10/10's cloud coverage over target. Other blind bombing attacks were made on the fifteenth and eighteenth of the month with the latter mission against the defended village of Hellenthal, resulting in excellent bombing as reconnaissance photographs disclosed the weight of the attack centered on the village itself.

First visual attack in three weeks found the group on 23 December 1944, lashing out against enemy communications as thirty-two A-20's dropped 175-five-hundred pound general purpose bombs on the enemy Marshalling yard at Kyllburg. Strike attack and reconnaissance photographs disclosed that direct hits were scored on the main line and sidings and through traffic rendered impossible. Flying its second mission of the day, the A-20's of the 410th struck hard at the town of Lünebach and bombing results were excellent as bomb bursts blanketed highways, buildings and intersections. The day following, 24 December 1944, fifty A-20's were dispatched against the enemy communication center at Zulpich and the vast majority of the seventy-three tons of explosives found their mark leaving the town smoking and aflame. Of the six flights with strike attack coverage, four were credited

72. See Bombing reports. Exhibits #12-8 and 12-9.

VI. 410TH IN THE WAR EFFORT, cont'd:

with "superior" and two with "excellent" results. Following close on the heels of it's field days at Zulpich, the 410th on Christmas day presented Hitler with 263 presents, each one weighing five-hundred pounds. Receiving the full weight of the more than sixty tons was the enemy Marshalling yard at Wengerohr. Bomb bursts blanketed the main line and sidings as all but one flight had excellent results. The returning crews had no sooner settled in the interrogation room than the planes of the group were back in the air winging their way toward the enemy railhead at Ahutte. Bomb bursts blanketed the railroad, highways, buildings and intersections in the target area.

The first of three missions against the important enemy-held Laroche was flown on 26 December 1944 as 37 A-20's blasted bridges, highways and intersections in the all-out effort to cut enemy communications. The day following two flights of A-20's dropped 70-five hundred pound general purpose bombs on the enemy Marshalling yard at Pronsfield and strike attack and reconnaissance photos disclosed all sidings cut and the main line severed and undermined.

Last mission of the month was flown on the twenty-seventh as 38 A-20's attacked Laroche with excellent results. Five of the six flights attacking this important center in the non-famous "bulge" were credited with "excellents" and "superiors" as bombs tore up highways, blasted buildings and cut bridges to badly cripple the enemy supply lines in that area.

HEADQUARTERS
410th Bombardment Group (L)

APO 140, U.S. Army,
19 January 1945.

GROUP STRENGTH FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

<u>SQUADRONS</u>	<u>1 DECEMBER 1944</u>		<u>15 DECEMBER 1944</u>		<u>31 DECEMBER 1944</u>	
	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>EM.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>EM.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>EM.</u>
Hq, 410th GP	38	66	39	66	38	68
644th Bomb Sq (L)	71	319	76	320	77	315
645th Bomb Sq (L)	73	330	74	332	81	320
646th Bomb Sq (L)	60	318	59	317	62	299
647th Bomb Sq (L)	75	336	80	339	81	326
TOTALS:	317	1369	328	1374	339	1328

BERNARD J. GOLDEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Gp Historical Officer.

EXHIBIT #12-6.

HEADQUARTERS
410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 140, U. S. ARMY

5 January 1945.

BATTLE CASUALTIES FOR MONTH
OF DECEMBER 1944

					K	W	M
Lt. Neff	646th BS	KIA	1 December '44		1		
Sgt Beauchamp	647th BS	MIA	2 December '44				1
Lt. Palmer, C.W.	647th BS	MIA	2 December '44				1
Capt. Dale	646th BS	KIA	5 December '44		1		
S/Sgt Bibeau	646th BS	SIA	5 December '44			1	
S/Sgt Frederick	646th BS	SIA	5 December '44			1	
Lt. Lubben	644th BS	MIA	12 December '44				1
Sgt Forgue	644th BS	MIA	12 December '44				1
Sgt Spiegel	644th BS	MIA	12 December '44				1
Lt. Schurman	646th BS	MIA	25 December '44				1
S/Sgt Gaul	646th BS	MIA	25 December '44				1
S/Sgt Palmer, M.W.	646th BS	MIA	25 December '44				1
Totals for December					2	2	8

CASUALTIES BY MONTH

	K	W	M	T
Previous Total	19	18	24	61
December	2	2	8	12
Total	21	20	32	73

CASUALTIES BY SQUADRON

	Killed				Wounded				Missing				Total				
	644	645	646	647	644	645	646	647	644	645	646	647	644	645	646	647	T
Previous Total	3	2	8	6	7	5	3	3	10	7	3	4	20	14	14	13	61
	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	3	2	3	0	7	2	12
	3	2	10	6	7	5	5	3	13	7	6	6	23	14	21	15	73

EXHIBIT #12-7.

410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the P.I. Officer

Station A-58,
5 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Visual Bombing for Month of December.

TO : Commanding Officer, 410th Bomb Group (L), Station A-58.

1. The following data covers visual bombing results attained by this group during the month of December 1944.

Flights dispatched	59
Flights attacking	55
PNB and APNB	9
Undetermined	15
Superior	14
Excellent	13
Fair	2
Poor	1
Unsatisfactory	1

2. Circular error records on all thirty-one rated flights disclose average radial error to be 452 feet.

BERNARD J. GOLDEN,
Capt., Air Corps,
P.I. Officer.

EXHIBIT #12-8.

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