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UNIT HISTORY

647TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

APO 140

UNITED STATES ARMY

COVERING THE PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY 1945 TO 28 FEBRUARY 1945.

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I. ORGANIZATION:

The month of February seemed to be packed with activity. Intense Ground training and flight experience both for day and night fighting continued to hold the limelight.

Along with the training programs, there were the regular tactical missions in which we played a very important part in driving the enemy back. The Organization is functioning smoothly and morale is high.

II. STRENGTH:

The strength of the 647th Bombardment Squadron (L) as of 28 February 1945, consisted of 20 Officers and 312 Enlisted Men, with no change in key personnel.

On the 17th of the month, the following named Officers and Enlisted Men joined our Squadron:

And Lt. Harry Eugenberg, 00030113,
 2nd Lt. William C. Korn, 0715050,
 2nd Lt. Calvin S. Rose, 0741113,
 2nd Lt. Charles J. Stransky, 05057451,
 W/O. James A. Bayanis, T-176263,
 W/O. Mack W. Bermond, T-132576,
 W/O. Norman H. Kern, Jr., T-133085,
 T/Sgt. Roger W. Miller, 39601312,
 S/Sgt. Walter C. Klemowick, 36723930,
 S/Sgt. Thomas J. McNulty, 17055315,
 S/Sgt. John C. Ankeny, 35233585,
 S/Sgt. Cleo, D. Austin, 38532126,
 S/Sgt. Herbert I. Berian, 16011116,

assigned and joined the organization from Headquarters, 9th Bombardment Division, per per #4, SO #13, Hq, 410th Bomb Gp (L), dated 16 Feb. '45.

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II. TRANSFER, CONT'D:

The first allotment of Enlisted Men to be sent from the Squadron to the Infantry, left 2nd of February 1945, they were:

Frank J. Gindie, 36650000,
Joseph Borrelli, 21330460,
Ronelini Brune, 22442775.

three Enlisted from duty to transferred to 314th Station Complement Squadron, per #11, SO #52, Hq, 9th Bomb Division, dated 12 Feb. '45.

III. LOSSES:

The Squadron suffered its first loss of the month on the 17th of February, when Sgt Joseph E. Edwards 37347666 died of wounds received in action at Goulla, Holland. Sgt Edwards was an Engineer Gunner and was on flying status.

On the 14th of the month, Sgt George L. Poyenich, 36752187 received a slight wound over his right eye caused by parachute jump. Sgt Poyenich has fully recovered from his injury. Sgt James C. Price, 24353447 injured his leg also in the same parachute jump.

IV. PROMOTIONS AND RECOMMISSIONS:

1st Lt. William J. Alexander, 0750009, AC, was promoted to Captain AUC, per per 120, SO #40, Hq. 9th Air Force, dated 9 Feb. '45. Captain Alexander is a lead bombardier and is holding 65 missions. 1st Lt. Marshall C. Richards, 0661562, promoted to Captain, AUC, per per 120, SO #32, Hq, 9th Air Force, dated 1 Feb. '45.

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V. TRANSITION LIFE:

Eleven Officers and 128 Enlisted Men made up the Advance Echelon and departed AAF Station A-68, Comblewiers France, by motor convoy at 0100, 2 February 1945 and arrived AAF Station A-68, 0745, 2 Feb. '45, distance traveled, approximately 88 miles.

Things were in a pretty bad state of affairs - rain, rain and more rain, but the men all put their shoulders to the task and now the area is in fine shape. The Squadron is lined up a company street in a neat orderly fashion and much improvement has been made to make things comfortable.

Captain James K. Bender, AC 0803593, Captain Donald V. McLain, AC, 0804274, were transferred to a Casual Pool, 70th Replacement Depot, AAF Station 591, UK, per par 43, SO 441, Hq, 9th Bomb Div. (M), dated 10 Feb. '45. Both Captain Bender and McLain finished their first tour of 65 missions and now are on their way to the States for that long needed rest and reward.

Captain Marshall C. Fisher's, AC 0602563, 1st Lt. Newton C. Bender, 0804279, followed Captain Bender and McLain on 17 Feb. '45. Two Officers from duty to transferred, 70th Replacement Depot, AAF Station 594, UK. (Return to 31), per par 43, SO 441, Hq, 9th Bomb Div (M), dated 24 February 1945.

1st Lt. Ruschke, Edgar F. Jr., 0750441, and his two gunners,

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V. STATION LIFE, CONT'D:

S/Sgt's Paul P. Curtin 37124060 and Martin P. Buckley 36590184 were on DS to XXIV Tactical Air Command, per per #1, SO #53, 9th Bomb Division, dated 12 February 1949, to spend 10 days at the front to observe Combat Conditions.

And this winds up another month for the Best Damn Squadron in the 410th Bombardment Group (F).