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SQUADRON ACTIVITY
Month of D E C E M B E R

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The information contained herein has been written in compliance with XII TAC Memo 89-6, dated 14 August 1945. This history is a resume of the activities of the 395th Fighter Squadron for the month of December.

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PART I
ORGANIZATION AND CURRENT STATUS

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395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
SQUADRON HISTORY MONTH OF DEC' 45

I. ORGANIZATION

The current table of organization under which this unit is operating with changes:

TO 1-27 dtd 22 Dec 43, C-1 dtd 26 Feb 44, C-2 dtd 1 Dec 44. Authorized to use Col 37, T/O 1-27 per GO No. 64 Hq., Ninth AF, dtd 20 Mar 44. Authorized augmented officer strength per GO No. 223, Hq., Ninth AF, dtd 14 Sep 44. Increase in PFC grade per Ltr, Hq., ETOUSA, AG 220 2 MP, dtd 17 Dec 44.

II. STRENGTH: COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED

1. At beginning of Period:	
OFFICERS-----	32
ENLISTED MEN-----	38
2. Net Increase:	
OFFICERS-----	1
ENLISTED MEN-----	0
3. Net Decrease:	
OFFICERS-----	2
ENLISTED MEN-----	10
4. At End of Period:	
OFFICERS-----	31
ENLISTED MEN-----	28

III. MOVEMENT: Nil.

IV. CASUALTIES: Nil.

V. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Good Conduct Metals awarded to the following:

S/Sgt. John G. Fredlund
S/Sgt. George R. Glass
Sgt. John J. Gleason
Sgt. Sam Goldberg
Sgt. Clifford E. Liskow
Sgt. Milford A. Nickerson
Sgt. Norman F. Vincent
Cpl. Richard G. Casey
Cpl. Anthony Pazoga

Awarded per SO 160, 368th Ftr. Gp., dtd 19 Dec. 45.

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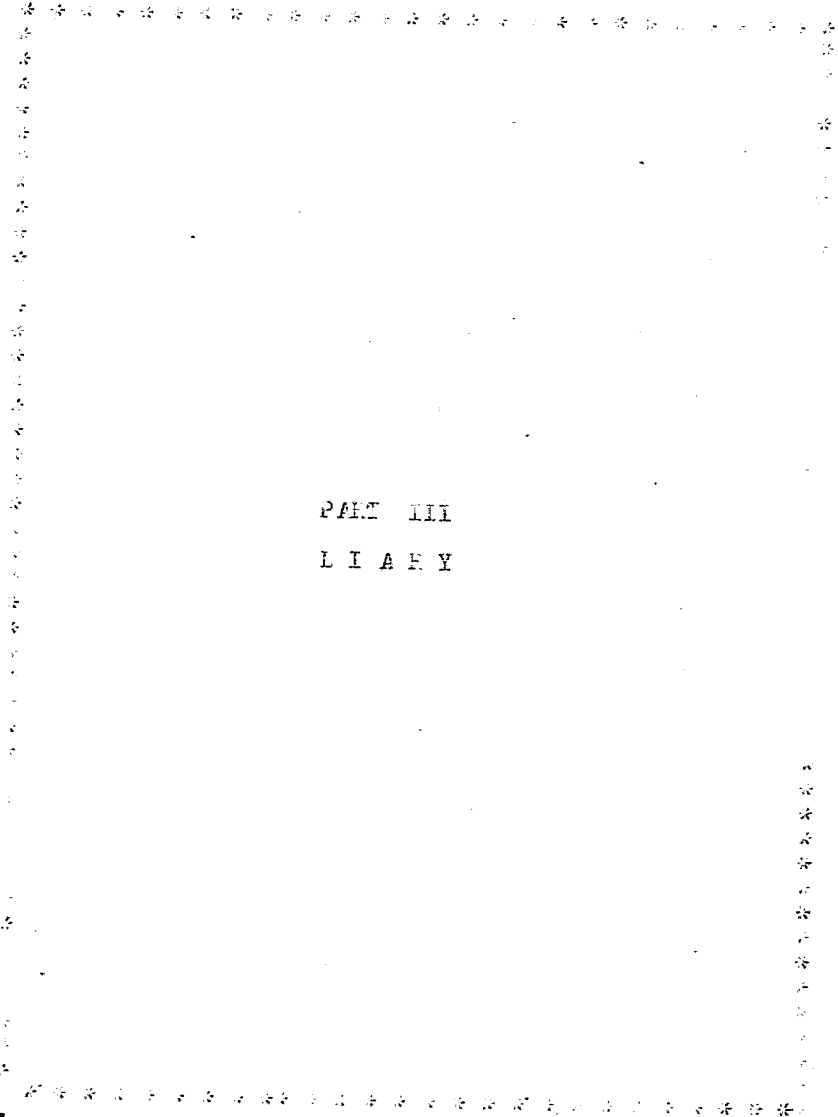
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Another month of marking time. The shortage of personnel, along with the inclement weather that prevailed most of the month, just about stopped all activity within the squadron. We are losing ten more enlisted men, among them a couple of our few remaining crew chiefs. There is talk of putting all the men into one squadron but nothing has become of this so far.

A few more directives were received from the IAC and all have been complied with. Our base will no longer be known as H-60, but Straubing Army Air Base. Straubing tower will be the radio call sign. Our flying area now consists of an area thirty-five miles radius from the field.

The flying training program fell just a short of completely stopping for what time that was put on the board didn't amount to anything. The Cubs are receiving more time than the tactical aircraft around here. However, the ground training program continues. It's steady pace and all lectures, pre-flight and such, were accomplished on schedule.

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SQUADRON HISTORY
Month of D E C E M B E R

1. The first day of this month brought very little activity. The enlisted men were busy early this morning getting ready for their weekly inspection. Captain Smyre, assisted by Captain Powers, made the inspection and everything was in good order. The base was weathered in today so there was no flying. Routine duties were performed by the squadron sections and the day ended with nothing new to report.
2. Sunday passed without anything unusual happening. Most of the men devoted their time writing letters or loafing around while a few dressed up and spent the day in straddling.
3. The weather is still bad so flying was scratched for the day. The maintenance personnel were given one of their frequent chances these days, to work all day with the problems of their trade. A group pilot's meeting was called by Col. Locke to discuss any aircraft accidents that might have occurred during the month and arranging in detail that what we are doing for the future. This was the first of these meetings and they will be held around the first of the month. The pilots pre-flight checked the planes this afternoon and the rest of the rest day passed without incident.
4. This day was uneventful with the usual cloudy weather so flying was out once again. This constant weather we've been having is going to make it hard to come up to the minimum flying requirements this month. The usual routine duties were performed and another day of occupation was written off.
5. Not much to report this fifth day of the month. No flying this A.M. and a pilot's meeting was held this afternoon. A number of new regulations concerning flying safety and starting procedures were handed down. Pre-flighting was done after the meeting.
6. A little snow fell last night but this morning the weather had cleared enough to permit all aircraft to fly. Every advantage was taken of this rare opportunity and a few training missions were flown in the form of navigation. One of our top active days closed with a slight snow falling.
7. All available planes were in the air again today. Along with transition time navigation flights were performed. When not flying the various section jobs kept the men busy for the remainder of the day.

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REPORT ON THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER

8. Saturday brought the weekly inspection of the squadron and everything was in order. Flying was on all day as every advantage must be taken of the few good days we have.
9. Sunday brought a day of rest and everyone made the most of it. The only activity this morning was in the form of Church services. Most of the men stayed on the post this and just taking it easy.
10. The weather was good enough to try so our schedule of two planes was sent into the air. This shortage of personnel has hampered our program no end so whenever we have a fly-able day every advantage is taken of it. Pre-flighting and the usual routine duties rounded out the days activities.
11. It has been trying to snow all day but about all we've had is an occasional flurry. This was enough to stop any flying that might have been planned. By nightfall a thin layer of snow had covered everything and tonight it is snowing steady.
12. Well it has been snowing most of the day and we have three to four inches on the ground. The only activity today consisted of pre-flighting the planes and the routine duties. Since all batteries are being taken out of the storage planes, the energizers will have to be kept in the ships while it is being run up. It wouldn't be a bad idea to put all these ships in Class B storage.
13. Nothing new to report today. It has been trying to rain all day and most of the snow has melted. We had rain early tonight but by ten o'clock it had turned to snow and it is really coming down now. There was no flying today and only the routine duties were performed.
14. Only eleven more days 'till Christmas, if that means anything. Still the daily routine duties and the usual talk of going home. A little flying was done today; our one 147 took to the air while the Cubs received the most time.
15. We are losing ten enlisted men this month, among them our 1st remaining crew chiefs. This will hurt, and we ain't getting any new men either. Good weather prevailed today so all ships flew.

REMARKS

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RECAPSON HISTORY
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945

16. A day of rest came and went at Straubing Air Base with nothing unusual happening. Nothing to report today.
17. A new week and about the only activity outside of the usual administrative duties is an occasional plane taking off or landing. This place is dead, with a capital "D". Pre-flighting was accomplished by the pilots and another day was closed.
18. Christmas only a week away and nobody seems to be interested. It'll probably pass this year with most people thinking of the ones gone by or the ones to come. To me it will be just another day. A little flying was done with the few ships that are given to us each day.
19. Weather was almost clear today so all (1) planes were in the air. Most of the fellows are still trying to get their flying time for the month. Lts. Adams and Hamilton left for the Riviera and will be down there for the holidays.
20. Although we haven't received any enlisted men to fill our vacated ranks, one officer has joined us. Warrant Officer Ben Thrash is now a member of the Panzer Busters and also our new engineering officer, relieving Lt. Anderson.
21. A low overcast hung over the field today so flying was called. Administrative activity completed the day.
22. Another day of bad weather so an inspection and the usual activity rounded out the dreary day.
23. All personnel put to good use their day of rest. Most of the troops stacked in this morning and spent the remainder of the day just loafing around.
24. The day before Christmas and all personnel received a half day off. For most of the men it will be the first Xmas overseas, and I hope it will be the last.
25. Christmas day, 1945. Over here it was Christmas in name only. I think that everyone will agree with me on that point. Most men took time out during the day to think of the event, for we have a lot of things to be thankful for this Christmas, the first peaceful one in many years. Here's hoping that everyone will be home for the next holiday season.

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SQUADRON HISTORY
Month of F E C B M B E R

26. Most of this day was spent trying to recover from the after affects that too much celebrating brings. Everyone was thankful for the morning oil and after a good rest, the problems of operating a base were tackled in the afternoon.
27. Squadron duties occupied most minds this day as the weather remained bad and no flying was effected. Full, this occupation dealt.
28. Today passed with the same old grin. A little bit of flying in the Cub, routine duties, and the day was closed with nothing new to report.
29. The weather cleared so our Squadron took to the air in it's Cub. Later in the day we managed to get a '47 from Group, and fifteen pilots broke their legs in the ensuing tush!!!
30. Sunday found most of the men in the sack. What enlisted men we have work hard during the week and this is their one day to rest up. The day passed without incident.
31. The last day of 1945 and we have a lot to look back on, for this year brought many outstanding events. Today we look upon the shadow of the Squadron that started at Atrip 3 and worked it's way across the continent in a blaze of glory. What will 1946 bring? That will be found out in the course of time. Here's to the 395th Fighter Squadron of the past.

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PART VI
TRAINING

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395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER

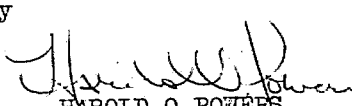
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31 December 1945

SUMMARY OF FLYING TRAINING, MONTH OF DECEMBER

December 4 -- Miscellaneous
December 5 -- Miscellaneous
December 6 -- Navigation, Acrobatics, and Formation
December 7 -- Navigation, and Instruments
December 8 -- Navigation, and Formation
December 10 -- Acrobatics, Instruments, and Formation
December 14 -- Navigation
December 15 -- Navigation, Instruments, and Acrobatics
December 17 -- Navigation, and Acrobatics
December 18 -- Navigation
December 19 -- Navigation
December 20 -- Miscellaneous
December 28 -- Miscellaneous
December 29 -- Navigation
December 31 -- Miscellaneous

PILOTS' MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

December 3 -- Preflight
December 5 -- Preflight and Daily
December 7 -- Preflight
December 10 -- Preflight and Daily
December 12 -- Preflight
December 14 -- Preflight and Daily
December 17 -- Preflight and Daily
December 19 -- Preflight
December 21 -- Preflight and Daily
December 24 -- Preflight
December 26 -- Preflight and Daily
December 28 -- Preflight and Daily
December 31 -- Preflight


HAROLD O POWERS
Captain, Air Corps
Operations Officer

PART VII

No Statistical Offices in Equatorial
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555th Military Liaison
Office of The Operations Officer

APO 635, U.S. Army
31 December 1945

RE MISSION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Training during the month of December progressed at the same slow rate, which was caused by a shortage of airplanes and the winter weather setting in. Snowing was the usual weather for this time of the year kept us on the ground many days.

Mechanical engineering was able to furnish us one or two airplanes per day and these were assigned to the Squadron by Group Operations.

Snow which fell during the night was quickly removed by the RW snow clearing detail, and so was ineffective in keeping the planes on the ground for any length of time in the morning on favorable flying days.

To "participate regularly and frequently" became more of a problem during the month, but everyone was able to get the required air time as obtained several extra hours. The light planes in addition to the F-47s also greatly in making aircraft available to the pilots.

Training for the month of December was accomplished according to APO 50-5, Hq. Fifth Air Force, dated 21 June 1945, as subsequently revised.

Arnold O. Powers
ARNOLD O. POWERS
Captain Air Corps
Operations Officer

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395 FIGHTER SQUADRON
Office of the Armament-Ordnance Officer
APO 633 US Army

Armament-Ordnance Activities For the Month of December

With the coming of the last month of the year the Armament Ordnance Departments saw more action than they have in many a month.

1st. Lt. William W. Higby left for a leave early in the month for that land of paradise in the ET, Switzerland. On coming back he found that things had really began to move. The two departments of the 395 Fighter Squadron were to close and everything to be turned in or over to the 396 Fighter Squadron.

Inventory had to be taken, MR's and property books checked all of which adds up to a lot of work for the one remaining man. On coming back from our Christmas holidays we found that things were pretty much in order and expect to have it all finished soon after the first of the year.

We were also told that all ships were placed in class E storage and that all the guns and cameras were to be taken out and stored. Another job that we will pass along to the 396 with our extra supplies.

T/Sgt. Isenberg has received his orders to return to the ZI. Although he had asked for an extra six months duty he will now be on his way.

And so ends another month that also ends another year. In the past year we have performed a lot of duties and gave the best of our service to keep the planes and guns in the best of order.

William W. Higby
William W. Higby
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Armament-Ordnance Officer

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395th FIGHTER SQUADRON
PARACHUTE DEPARTMENT
APO 633, U.S. ARMY

29 December 1945

Parachute Department Activities For The Month Of
December 1945

This month has been very dull as usual due to the lack of flying. We did get a break when Sgt. Flynn returned from D.S. Erlangen, and he is back on the job.

The Maewests and Dingies have been stored and it's about time! They were only getting in the way.

All of the B-26 parachutes were turned in to the Service Team because they aren't being used any more.

There have been no other changes this month.

Harry Knowles
2nd. Lt. Air Corps
Personal Equip. Off.

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395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
Office Of The Squadron Adjutant

30 December 1945

ACTIVITIES OF SQUADRON S-1 FOR MONTH OF
DECEMBER

This section lost no men due the redeployment this month.

Sgt. Gilmer returned from TDY to take over his old job of File Clerk in the Orderly Room. S/Sgt. Gruszka was transferred from Engineering to the Section.

T/Sgt. Dougherty, our acting 1st Sgt. was granted a well earned furlough to Switzerland.

Pinch hitting for T/Sgt. Dougherty is S/Sgt. Miley of the Engineering Section.

The officer strength of this was changed, with 1st Lt. Gilkes becoming Squadron Adjutant. Capt. Powers was assigned as Squadron Operations Officers.

Frank C. Gilkes
FRANK C. GILKES,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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100th AIR BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OFFICE OF THE GROUP SUPPLY OFFICER
APO 835, U.S. AIR FORCE

4 January 1946

GROUP SUPPLY ACTIVITIES FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

Tech Supply was a pretty busy place the last of this month. Lt. Axton came from leave to find that an inventory had to be taken and a report made before January 5, 1946. Christmas Holidays came at a most inopportune time as far as the inventory was concerned. However, we managed to struggle through the inventory despite holidays and the absence of Sgt. Gleason, who is on furlough at this time.

Sgt. Zerbe is still sweating out his trip to the I.I. We expect him to leave early this month. His pet saying "smashing" will be missed by all those who know him.

Another hour and a half of work ought to see the remainder of our reports to Lt. Lockey, of Group Supply, finished; and then the minor details can be taken care of and Tech Supply will be closed until another day when squadron operation will again be resumed.

William S. Axton
WILLIAM S. AXTON
1st. Lt., AIR CORPS.
TECH SUPPLY OFFICER

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