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 \* 395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON \*  
 \* 368TH FIGHTER GROUP \*  
 \* APO 374 \*  
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 \* Month of N O V E M B E R \*  
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 \* SQUADRON HISTORIAN \*  
 \* William R Ponton, \*  
 \* 1st Lt., Air Corps. \*  
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SQUADRON HISTORY  
Month of N O V E M B E R

P R E F A C E

The information contained herein has been written in compliance with XII TAC Memo 80-6, dated 14 August 1945. This history is a resume of the activities of the 395th Fighter Squadron for the month of November.

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PART I  
ORGANIZATION AND CURRENT STATUS

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395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
SQUADRON HISTORY MONTH OF NOV '45

I. ORGANIZATION

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

TC 1-27 dtd 22 Dec 43, C-1 dtd 26 Feb 44, C-2 dtd 1 Dec 44.  
Authorized to use Col 37, T/C 1-27 per GC #64 Hq, Ninth AF, dtd 20 March 44. Authorized augmented officer strength per GC #223, Hq, Ninth AF, Dtd 14 Sept 44. Increase in PFC grade per Ltr, Hq, SACUSA, IG 220 2 MP, dtd 17 Dec 44.

II. STRENGTH: COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED

1. At beginning of Period:	
OFFICERS-----	36
ENLISTED MEN-----	50
2. Net Increase:	
OFFICERS-----	1
ENLISTED MEN-----	1
3. Net Decrease:	
OFFICERS-----	5
ENLISTED MEN-----	13
4. At End of Period:	
OFFICERS-----	32
ENLISTED MEN-----	38

III. MOVEMENT: NIL.

IV. CASUALTIES: NIL.

V. AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS: NIL.

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PART II  
NARRATIVE

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SQUADRON HISTORY  
Month of N O V E M B E R

N A R R A T I V E

This month was spent performing only the routine duties. A few new changes were made in compliance with orders from Command. The weather was consistently bad so only the slightest bit of flying was undertaken. Most men just succeeded in getting their flying time. All in all, nothing of any real importance was accomplished.

On the twelfth of the month we lost three of our officers and most of our enlisted men. Our Squadron Commander, Major Mumaw, left for home with this shipment and the squadron was taken over by Captain Jack Smyre, formerly Operations Officer with the 396th Squadron.

The flying program was brought to a standstill this month. The critical shortage of aircraft has slowed the program but the weather was the chief reason. Although this station had only one real good snow, we have been socked in most of the month. The ground training program proceeded without incident and the pre-flights and dailies were pulled regularly.

As long as the shortage of personnel persists we will always have plenty of maintenance work to perform on the planes. The men have been kept busy this month painting the TAC colors on all aircraft. Our Group has been assigned a red-yellow-red stripe around the fusilage. The maintenance personnel have been overworked as of late and they are to be commended on the wonderful job they are doing.

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SQUADRON HISTORY

Month of N O V E M B E R

1. Good weather still favors us so every advantage is being taken of it as far as flying is concerned. Navigation and Instrument flights were performed. Everyone is wondering when the next "ZI List" will come out, since it has been quite awhile since the last one was published. A few new enlisted men have come into the squadron from the 8th Air Force.
2. It looks as if a front may be moving in, for the sky was overcast today. However, the light planes flew all day because everyone is eager to get his flying time in as soon as possible.
3. Today brought the usual Saturday morning inspection. Major Mumaw was the inspecting officer, assisted by Captain Powers and everything was found to be in good order. The only flying today saw a few pilots taking off on week-end cross countrys.
4. Sunday in Bavaria and it was the same old story--- nothing to do. Most of the men sacked in late, save a few who attended Church services.
5. Today flying was limited because of our friend --- the weather. One Navigational training flight was performed. The light planes also contributed to the squadron's flying time. The pre-flights and dailys, along with the squadron jobs, are all that keep the pilots from going stir-crazy.
6. No flying today --- "Old man Weather" is here again today. These non-flyable days that we have experiencing give the enlisted men plenty of time to catch up on their maintenance. Right now they are being kept pretty busy these days painting the 12th TAC colors on the planes.
7. The pilots received a low blow today when 12th TAC ordered the storage of our Peter 51s. The squadron flying time was recorded today as NIL. I'll give you three guesses why and the first two are wrong.
8. Another day was spent occupying Germany and the situation is the same as yesterday --- Nothing to report.

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100/1000 FISTON  
Month of R O V E R B R

9. Good news came today for three members of the squadron. Major Mumaw, Lt. Coughtry, and F/O Perior were told that they are to leave for the states either Sunday or Monday. The point score for officers is now down to the 75 level, much higher than it should be. Huff said. The weather wasn't too good today but our home bound men managed to get into the blue so that they could get in their flying time.
10. Ah yes, 'tis Saturday morning and guess what happened? You're right --- that favorite of all C.I.s, the S.I.I. was held and Major Mumaw made his last inspection of the squadron. The weather has turned cold the last few days and I think winter is finally here to stay.
11. Armistice Day. It being Sunday, the holiday will be held tomorrow, so we have a two-day vacation. A supplement to shipping orders came in today and all officers with 75 points were included. No men in this squadron are in this category, but the other squadrons asked about 15 men to their shipping orders.
12. Another holiday was quietly observed, the only excitement being the departure of our home-bound men early this morning. Good luck, men, it's been nice knowing you!
13. Captain Jack Sayre, formerly Operations Officer of the 390th, has been named Squadron Commander, taking the reins formerly held by Major Mumaw. The weather isn't too hot today, but the lightplanes accumulated a little more time for several of the pilots. Lt. Mass and Lt. High have been appointed assistant Operations officers.
14. The weather remained just good enough to permit the lightplanes to fly. We have been receiving a few new enlisted men, but at the same time, one or two have been leaving on ELY every week. There were 2 changes in the Parachute Dept. Lt. Copinger has been replaced by Lt. Knolls and a/Cpt. Flynn is on ELY to the 10th Photo Rec. Sq. for 30 days.
15. The first snow of the season fell today, but didn't remain on the ground long, even though it covered the entire day. Lt. Knoll, squadron Utilities Officer, has been killing in the EO, parking area and driveway, which has turned into a literal mudhole.

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SQUADRON HISTORY  
Month of N O V E M B E R

16. One Instrument training flight was performed today along with the usual light plane flights. A pilots meeting was held today and the latest poop from Group, Command, Wing, and Air Force was passed on to the pilots. Captain Smyre introduced himself to the pilots and explained his policies.
17. The weather was good enough today to allow two Thunderbolts aloft. The usual light plane parade bolstered the pilot's flying time for the month. This morning the first S.M.I. to be conducted by our new squadron commander, Captain Smyre, found everything in good order.
18. Today brought the usual peaceful Sabbath and day of rest. The unusually good weather made it possible for the pilots low on monthly time to go upstairs. The light planes were used to give the P-47 crew chiefs a well deserved lay off.
19. The weather started out better than the previous day. It has been taking a beating this month, continued in the form of several navigational and interception flights. The light planes had another field day.
20. The weather has socked in again and flying was called for the day. The visibility was very bad and a cloud layer with an eight hundred foot base hovers over this station. Routine ground jobs occupied everyone's time for the day.
21. Weathers' still bad so flying is nil. Even the mail has been coming in slow, so another dismal day was spent by all. Nothing new to report.
22. The weather is still unchanged. Lt. Knell has completed graveling the 30% parking lot and now the fellows are able cross it without getting hopelessly mired.
23. Though the flying conditions left a lot to be desired, the training program went into full swing once again. Navigation flights, Unit combat, Interception and Instrument missions were flown. Many of the pilots have to get used to the '45 again because of the infrequent fighter missions.
24. Saturday morning and the regular SMI found everything in a satisfactory condition. The weather permitted those without their flying time to finish up before we are plagued with bad weather again.

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SQUADRON HISTORY  
Month of N O V E M B E R

25. This Sabbath brought glad tidings for at least one member of the squadron, for Lt. "Dad" Mills who was ordered to proceed to the 2 of I as soon as possible. His orders state that he is to report to Orley Field which means that he'll be going back via C-54. Dad will be missed by everyone and we all wish him the best of luck.
26. The weather was good enough for flying this morning so a few navigational training missions were flown, mainly to bolster our training program. Lt. Failing has taken Lt. Mills place as Provost Marshal, while Lt. Knell has been named as Lt. Failings' "Deputy".
27. This morning he awoke to find a white Bavaria. Snow fell most of the night so we had about two inches of it this morning. Flying was scratched for the day and the men spent the day performing their routine duties.
28. This station is socked in again today so nothing of importance was undertaken. A plane was out this morning trying to blow some of the snow off of the runway but this didn't have much effect. Pre-flighting the planes broke up the monotony of a dull day.
29. The weather has been consistantly bad the whole week. Yes, this base was closed today per usual and only the routine duties were performed. Nothing further to report.
30. The last day of the month was the same as the other ten or fifteen days that we spent doing nothing. This month has slowed almost everything to a walk. The only thing that has kept the men from being idle all the time is the maintenance work on the aircraft. And it's a full time job keeping the planes in compliance with Command's many orders.

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PART IV  
COMBAT OPERATIONS  
Month of November

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PART V  
NON-COMBAT OPERATIONS  
Month of November

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TRAINING

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395th FIGHTER SQUADRON  
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 374, U. S. Army  
30 November 1945

SUMMARY OF FLYING TRAINING - MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 1 -- Navigation  
November 2 -- Navigation  
November 5 -- Navigation and Administrative  
November 9 -- Miscellaneous  
November 13 -- Miscellaneous  
November 14 -- Miscellaneous  
November 15 -- Miscellaneous  
November 17 -- Formation and Miscellaneous  
November 18 -- Miscellaneous  
November 19 -- Formation and Miscellaneous  
November 23 -- Navigation and Formation  
November 24 -- Miscellaneous  
November 26 -- Navigation, Administrative and Miscellaneous  
November 27 -- Navigation and Miscellaneous  
November 29 -- Formation and Miscellaneous

PILOTS- MAINTENANCE - PROGRAM

November 2 -- Preflight  
November 5 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 7 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 9 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 12 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 15 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 17 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 19 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 21 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 23 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 26 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 28 -- Preflight and Daily  
November 30 -- Preflight and Daily

*Willis H. Duff Jr.*  
WILLIS H. DUFF JR.  
1st. Lt. Air Corps  
Operations Officer

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PARF VIII  
STAFF ACTIVITY

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395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
Office of the Squadron Commander

30 November 1945

ACTIVITIES OF SQUADRON B-1 for Month of November 1945

This section lost only one man due to redeployment this month, Sgt Dziegielewski.

With Sgt Gilser on TDY and Sgt Dziegielewski on his way home the mail situation looked desperate until Sgt Vincent joined us from Squadron Cps to take over as mail clerk. The mail situation is still bad, no mail.

The officer strength of the section was augmented with the addition of 1st Lt Cilkes as Assistant Adjutant.

*Harold C Powers*

HAROLD C POWERS  
Capt, Air Corps  
Adjutant

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395th FIGHTER SQUADRON  
Office of the Operations Officer  
APO 374 U.S. Army

30 November 1945

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Flying slowed down quite a bit this month due to very poor weather and the shortage of flyable aircraft. So many enlisted men have gone back to the Z.I. that this squadron as with the others now has four Thunderbolts available while in operational months we had twenty-six.

The flying that was done was in accordance with Ninth Air Force Memo 50-3, dated 21 June 1945, in addition to local flying in the L-4 and L-5. To better illustrate how little flying was done; the pilot with the most flying time for the month had only eleven hours.

Armistice Day changed the squadron personnel around a little. Major Mumaw, 1st. Lt. Coughtry and F.O. Serino left for the USA; Captain Jack Smyre former Operations Officer for the 395th Fighter Squadron took over "Marsh's" job as Commanding Officer of the Panzer Dusters; Captain Morrison was transferred to Group Operations and 1st. Lt. Duff became Operations Officer with 1st. Lt. Mass as Assistant Operations Officer.

Due to the decrease in personnel all ground training has been stopped. An occasional football game gives us a break in the daily monotony, but outside of that, spare time, which we have lots of, is spent doing lots of nothing.

*Willis H. Duff*  
WILLIS H. DUFF  
1st. Lt. Air Corps  
Operations Officer

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395th. FIGHTER SQUADRON  
Office of the Armament-Ordnance Officer  
APO 374, US Army

27 November 1945

ARMAMENT-ORDNANCE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Having only one man left for both departments there wasn't much doing for the month of November. Just the usual activities that were needed to keep the departments going.

P/Sgt. Isenberg was called out in the rain on the 12 November to check the guns on A/. The guns had been reported fired when the gun sight was turned on while in flight. The plane was pulled into the hanger and checked. There was nothing found to be wrong with the guns or the gun sight wiring.

The boys of the 395th. are doing their share of hunting. P/Sgt. Isenberg is being kept busy on week ends checking out guns to the men who would try their hands on bringing in that deer. The report always seems to be the same- there is plenty of it to be had.

With the ending of another month we are looking forward to the next. Now that the snow season is here there doesn't seem to be much that we can expect but more snow.

So another month slips by and we find ourselves in the next; with the men dreaming of how it would be to have Christmas at home.

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

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395th FIGHTER SQUADRON  
Office of the Communications Officer

APO 374 U. S. Army

29 November 1945

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

This month has been one of the slowest months in 395th Communications History. The enlisted men have been gone for over a month and as yet we haven't received a word from any of them. To be expected!

Our famous ex-Communications Officer, Lt. Mills, has come up with a new way of going home. From the word we could get out of him, the trip home was for an emergency. Flying all the home won't be hard to take. We wish him good luck and a speedy discharge.

The three communications departments have been consolidated. The new location of the department is in the 396th hangar. This leaves the 395th Communications practically without an office in operation excepting for the little work that Lt. Andrus has been doing. So far to date Lt. Andrus has repaired three radios and torn down two more. This about does another month with 395th Communications

*Robert D. Andrus*  
ROBERT D. ANDRUS  
1st. Lt. Air Corps  
Communications Officer

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395TH TROOP BATTALION  
Office of the Personal Equipment Officer

November 13 1945

ACTIVITIES OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

This department changed hands this month and Lt. Coppinger was replaced by Lt. Knowles. S/Cpt. Elyon has been sent out on detached service so therefore I will have to read beaucoup Tech Orders in order to fulfill the department duties.

Twenty four parachutes have been taken for repack today but I have no idea when they will be back due to lack of qualified personnel. A rack is also being made for the pilots parachutes.

*Harry Knowles*  
HARRY KNOWLES  
1st Lt. Air Corps  
Personal Equipment Officer.

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27 November 1948

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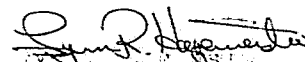
Tech Supply is still a pretty dull place to be this month-and we still don't have much hope for more enlisted men or eventual return to squadron operation.

Cpt. Messer was promoted to Sgt. this month and it looks like he will soon be the only Lt. we'll have. Sgt. Messer has 49 points, so with the discharge score according to 30 December 1st, he will probably see his way to the A.I. very soon.

Capt. J.M. Squire became our new Squadron commander after the departure of Major R.S. Hays, around the middle of the month, so we had to rush through our inventory. Luckily, we were pretty well along, and when the inventory was completed, we were only two items short. Not bad after over a year in combat. These items will, of course, have to be surveyed before Capt. Squire signs over the Squadron.

From now on the additional duties taken over by our pilots will be rotated every three months, so all requirements have been given an assistant to the officer in charge. The assistant Tech Supply Officer is Lt. William B. Burton, who will take over when and if Lt. Bagmeister is assigned a new job.

The way things are going now, we expect to have 398th Tech Supply completely closed in about two weeks. At that time, what personnel we have left will go to 398th Tech Supply to work until Squadron operations are again resumed.

  
Lt. W.B. Burton,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Tech Supply Officer.

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375 TH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
COMBUSTION SECTION

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MEMORIAL HISTORY FOR NOVEMBER

THE PERSONNEL OF THE COMBUSTION SECTION  
SUFFERED THE LOSS OF TWO MEN DURING THE  
OF NOVEMBER. THEY WERE S/SGT. DEWING, A  
PILOT OF OUR MUSTANG, AND SGT. DEWENT, WHO  
WAS AN ENGINEER OF AN ISOLATED REPAIR UNIT.  
BOTH WERE RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES FOR  
THE HOLIDAYS. THE SERVICE RECORDS OF SGT.  
DEWENT WERE TO BE FORWARDED TO THE  
COMBUSTION SECTION.

OUR SHIPS WERE HIT BY TWO MISSILES  
DURING THE BATTLE OF NOVEMBER. THE  
RESULTS OF THE BATTLE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

DURING THE BATTLE OF NOVEMBER, S/SGT.  
DEWING, WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION, WAS  
TRANSFERRED TO THE COMBUSTION SECTION.  
THE RESULTS OF THE BATTLE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST MISSILE HIT THE LINE OF  
S/SGT. DEWING AND THE SECOND MISSILE HIT  
THE LINE OF S/SGT. DEWENT. THE RESULTS  
WERE AS FOLLOWS: S/SGT. DEWING WAS  
KILLED IN ACTION AND S/SGT. DEWENT WAS  
KILLED IN ACTION.

*Maurice W. Anderson*  
MAURICE W. ANDERSON,  
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,  
COMBUSTION OFFICER.

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