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SQUADRON HISTORY
396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AUGUST 1944

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SQUADRON HISTORIAN - 1ST LT. MURRAY B. THALER
RECORDER - CPL. THOMAS J. GRIFFIN

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396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

1. ORGANIZATION: Nil

2. STRENGTH:

	OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN
Beginning of the month	53	251
Net increase	5	5
Net decrease	3	2
Total at end of period	55	254
Total officers and Enlisted Men	309	

3. MOVEMENT:

The squadron moved from ALG #3, Cardonville, France to A-40, Chartres, France between the dates of 23 August to 30 August. C-47's and trucks were used to transport the men and equipment.

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:

1st Lt. CLARENCE H. OLSON - MIA - Near the town of Leffard at U-070386 on 13 August 1944. Airplane hit by barrage of flak. Bailed out but chute disappeared when spot was orbited.

2nd Lt. JOHN B. STEWART JR - MIA - Hit a tree near the town of Betz and crashed at S-515740 on 28 August 1944, while on a strafing run.

5. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

The following awards have been made according to the General Orders (section indicated): (over)

FOURTEENTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

PAUL P DOUGLAS JR 396th Fighter Squadron
0-432187 1st COL Faragouid Ark 1944 GO 100 9AF

By command of Major General QUESADA:

A.C. KINCAID, Brigadier General U.S.A.
Chief of Staff
Major, A. G. ...
Asst Adj. General

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H. J. KESSLER, Captain, Air Corps.

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General Order #52, Hq IX TAC, APO 595, 25 Aug. 1944. (Copy of GO atch'd)

SECTION I Air Medal

2nd Lt. RICHARD C. COX	2nd Lt. ALBERT A. SCHNEDLER
2nd Lt. EARL L. KIELGASS	2nd Lt. THEODORE O. TAUBERT
2nd Lt. RUPERT B. MAXWELL	2nd Lt. KENNETH L. WILCOX

SECTION II

1st Lt. GEORGE W. PETRIE	1st Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster	2nd Lt. GEORGE P. OHLMAN
2nd Lt. GERALD J. GRACE		2nd Lt. GEORGE L. WAEGENER
2nd Lt. LESLIE G. HANSEN		
1st Lt. GEORGE W. PETRIE	2nd Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster	2nd Lt. JOHN W. STRICKLAND
2nd Lt. GEORGE P. OHLMAN		2nd Lt. GEORGE L. WAEGENER
	3rd Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster	
1st Lt. GEORGE W. PETRIE		2nd Lt. JOHN W. STRICKLAND
2nd Lt. GEORGE P. OHLMAN		2nd Lt. GEORGE L. WAEGENER
	4th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster	
2nd Lt. RICHARD J. FOX		2nd Lt. GEORGE L. WAEGENER
	1st Silver Oak Leaf Cluster	
2nd Lt. RICHARD J. FOX		2nd Lt. HENRY L. OLSON
2nd Lt. ROBERT H. HOWIE		
	6th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster	
Capt. JOHN W. BAER		2nd Lt. ROBERT H. HOWIE
	8th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster	
1st Lt. JOHN M. LOEB		2nd Lt. LOUIS D. HAMILTON III
	9th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster	
1st Lt. ALFRED E. BENTON		1st Lt. GROVER Y. GREENE (MIA)
1st Lt. GEORGE R. DAVIS		1st Lt. CLARENCE N. OLSON (MIA)
	2nd Silver Oak Leaf Cluster	
Major HAROLD P. SPARKS		1st Lt. FRANK S. KERCHNER
1st Lt. ALFRED E. BENTON		1st Lt. WLATER G. LOUGHARY
1st Lt. GEORGE R. DAVIS		1st Lt. IRVING (NMI) OSTUW
1st Lt. CHARLES J. KENNEDY JR		1st Lt. DAVID C. PARRISH

MIA

1st Lt. CLARENCE H. OLSON	
11th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster	
Major HAROLD P. SPARKS	1st Lt. DAVID C. PARRISH
1st Lt. ALBERT L. LARSEN	
12th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster	
Capt. JOSEPH J. McLACHLAN	Capt. CHARLES W. ROMINE

MIA

Capt. LEON D. MYERS
3rd Silver Oak Leaf Cluster
Lt. Col. PAUL P. DOUGLAS JR
16th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
Lt. Col. PAUL P. DOUGLAS JR

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