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SQUADRON HISTORY
366TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
366TH FIGHTER GROUP

JULY 1944

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SQUADRON HISTORIAN--1ST LT. MURRAY S. SWANER
RECORDER--CPL. THOMAS J. BRIDGEMAN

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396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

1. ORGANIZATION: Nil

2. STRENGTH:

	OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN
Beginning of the month	50	261
Net increase	9	4
Net decrease	6	14
Total at end of period	53	251
Total Officers and Enlisted Men	304	

3. MOVEMENT:

The squadron moved as unit of the 308th Fighter Group from Station 404, Chilbolton (Hants) to the Marshalling Area near Dorchester on 1 July 1944. The Group ("B" Party) remained at the Marshalling Area until the afternoon of 2 July 1944 at which time we moved to Weymouth by truck convoy where we boarded the British LSI "Queen Emma" for our transportation to the AIG #3 at Cardonville, France. We arrived in Normandy 3 July 1944 and proceeded by truck convoy to AIG #5, Cardonville, France, arriving at approximately 2130.

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:

1st Lt. John L. Carter - MIA - Just south of Forigny, on 2nd July, 1944. His prop went out and engine failed about 15 minutes after take-off.

2nd Lt. John R. Spencer - MIA - Great deal of flak encountered and was evidently hit during bomb run. Plane seen to go straight in at T845-580, near Aunay sur Odon, on July 18.

Capt. Leon D. Myers - MIA - At T525-492, about 1 mile NE of Tessy Sur Vire, on 26th July 1944. Going down to strafe he failed to pull out, the plane hit wires, then a tree, tore his left wing off and the plane exploded on hitting the ground.

1st Lt. Grover V. Greene - MIA - Believed to be south of the Bois de Soulle near T-405-532 where his chute was seen. Circumstances unknown.

5. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

a. In accordance with confidential letter, Subject: Battle Participation Awards, Hq. European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, dtd 19 July 1944 our Group became entitled to battle credit for participation in the "Air Offensive, Europe. (Copy of ltr atchd).