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SQUADRON HISTORY  
396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

JUNE 1944

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SQUADRON HISTORIAN--1ST. LT. MURRAY B. THALER  
RECORDER-S/SGT. ADOLPH J. VNOOK

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396th Fighter Squadron

1. ORGANIZATION: The designation of our squadron has been changed back to 396th Fighter Squadron instead of the 396th Fighter Bomber Squadron. The authority for this change is contained in the Secret letter, Subject: Designation of Units, Hq. Ninth Air Force (Rear) APO 696, U.S. Army, dtd. 13 June 1944.

2. STRENGTH

	OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN
Beginning of the month	49	262
Net increase	9	5
Net decrease	8	6
Total at end of period	50	261
Total Officers and Enlisted Men	311	

3. MOVEMENT: Nil

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:

1st Lt. Edward Haughton, Jr - MIA - Near Le Ham, France on 10th June 1944, while on patrol. Circumstances unknown.

1st Lt. Laymon A. Rice, Jr - Killed - Near Stockbridge, England on 14 June 1944, soon after take-off when engine failed.

1st Lt. Paul R. Jasper - MIA - While on mission over France on 22 June 1944 due to mid-air collision.

2nd Lt. James H. Gamblin - MIA - While on mission over France on 22 June 1944 due to mid-air collision.

1st Lt. Jack B. Robbins - MIA - Behind the enemy lines in France 27 June 1944 when he had to belly land.

5. AWARDS:

In accordance with the following General Orders and dates indicated the following awards have been made to the Officers listed:

GO #8, Hq. IX TAC, dtd 30 May 1944. (Copy of orders atched)

SECTION II  
6th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster  
Captain Leon D. Myers

GO #9 Hq. IX TAC. dtd 7 June 1944. (Copy of orders atchd)

SECTION II  
1st Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster  
2nd Lt. Frank S. Kerchner