

12<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 57<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing  
321<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group  
History: 1 July 1945 thru 30 September 1945



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*For my dad,  
Colonel John "Jack" Fitzgerald, U.S. Army (deceased)*

*"Lil Butch"  
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The following is a compilation of the 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group's Headquarters and individual Squadron War Diaries. They have been transcribed word for word, from the Squadron Histories provided by the Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA), Maxwell Air Force Base Alabama. At the end of each Squadron's daily entry, the individuals cited in the entry are identified by *full name, rank and duty*, in alphabetical order. The day's entry begins with the Tactical Operations Statement, from the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) Chronology, for the Mediterranean Theater of Operations (MTO). The history also includes mission reports, mission crew rosters, Missing Air Crew Reports (MACR), personal mission logs, journals, and diaries made available by various sources.

***Invitation***

*Anyone who has documentation pertaining to the 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group or its members, and would like to have it included in this history, is welcome to participate. Copies of: photos (official or personal); orders (promotion, decoration, travel, etc.); Mission Reports; Missing Air Crew Reports; personal diaries, logs, journals, etc; other documentation; or information that will help identify hi-lited individuals will be greatly appreciated, as one of my goals is to correctly identify every man and plane assigned to the 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group.*

*My only interest in this project is to honor those who served by perpetuating their story, and making it available for future generations, particularly the families and friends of our Great Heroes. If you are interested in helping, or if I may be of assistance in finding information about your 321<sup>st</sup> BG Hero, please contact me at: [Lil-Butch@nc.rr.com](mailto:Lil-Butch@nc.rr.com)*

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*Cecile Burandt, daughter of: Charles Lawson "Chuck" Burandt, Capt, pilot, 446<sup>th</sup> BS*

*Sally Brown, daughter of: Barnard H. Seegmiller, Sgt, armament, 445<sup>th</sup> BS*

*Dave Charville, grandson of: Leighton Daniel "Danny" Charville, 1Lt, pilot, 445<sup>th</sup> BS*

*Barbara Connolly, daughter of: Edward Charles "Salvo" Ennis, T/Sgt, radar-radio-gunner, 447<sup>th</sup> BS*

*1Lt Robert S. Crouse: pilot, 379BS*

*Ralph "Monguse" Gimenez: Software Architect, IL2-FB Skinner*

*Bob Haney, son of: Vincent M. Haney, M/Sgt, flight engineer, 341<sup>st</sup> BG*

*Ed Haney, cousin of: Gale Monroe Dickson, Capt, pilot, 446<sup>th</sup> BS*

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*John Lanza, nephew of: William A. Lanza, Sgt, gunner, 446<sup>th</sup> BS*  
*Stephanie Lile, daughter of: Keith B. Lile, S/Sgt, gunner, 445<sup>th</sup> BS*  
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*Vince Mango, son of: Vincent A. "Vince" Mango, S/Sgt, aerial gunner, 447<sup>th</sup> BS*  
*John J. McCarthy: Sgt, engineer-gunner, bombardier, 447<sup>th</sup> BS*  
*Lorraine McRae, daughter of: James Arrington McRae, 1Lt, bombardier, 446<sup>th</sup> BS*  
*T/Sgt Rocco F. "Rocky" Milano & daughter Peggy Chatham: Crew Chief of Peg O' My Heart, Lil Butch, and Haulin' Ass, 446<sup>th</sup> BS*  
*Bob Ritger, nephew of: Frederic Charles Ritger, 1Lt, pilot, 446<sup>th</sup> BS*  
*Irving J. Schaffer: T/Sgt, radio-gunner, photographer, 448<sup>th</sup> BS*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Lt Frederick H. Smith: pilot, 447<sup>th</sup> BS*  
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*Vinny J. White, son of: Joseph P. White, T/Sgt, radio-gunner, 381<sup>st</sup> BS*  
*S/Sgt, Harry (NMI) Yoa: engineer-gunner, 445<sup>th</sup> BS*

## *Crew lists*

	<i>Aircraft information - serial #, name, etc</i>	<i>Sometimes used</i>
<b>P</b>	<i>Pilot</i>	<b>Bomb/Nav</b> <i>Bombardier-Navigator</i>
<b>CP</b>	<i>Co-pilot</i>	<b>BN</b> <i>Bombardier-Navigator</i>
<b>N</b>	<i>Navigator</i>	<b>EG</b> <i>Engineer-gunner</i>
<b>B</b>	<i>Bombardier</i>	<b>RG</b> <i>Radio-gunner</i>
<b>E</b>	<i>Engineer-gunner</i>	<b>TG</b> <i>Turret gunner</i>
<b>R</b>	<i>Radio-gunner</i>	<b>AG</b> <i>Aerial gunner</i>
<b>G</b>	<i>Gunner</i>	<b>PH</b> <i>Photographer</i>
<b>F</b>	<i>Photographer</i>	<b>AP</b> <i>Aerial photographer</i>
<b>CL</b>	<i>Cannon Loader (on B-25G)</i>	<b>CC</b> <i>Crew Chief</i>
<b>O</b>	<i>Observer</i>	

## *Acronyms & Abbreviations*

<b>A/C:</b> Aircraft	<b>M/G:</b> Machine Gun
<b>A/D:</b> Aerodrome	<b>MIA:</b> Missing In Action
<b>AE:</b> Aerial Engineer	<b>M/T:</b> Motor Transport (Truck)
<b>A/F:</b> Air Field, also Anti-Flak	<b>MTB:</b> Motor Torpedo Boat
<b>AA or AAA:</b> Anti-Aircraft (Artillery)	<b>M/V:</b> Military Vessel, Maritime Vessel
<b>abs:</b> absent	<b>M/Y:</b> Marshalling Yards
<b>AGL:</b> Above Ground Level	<b>MC:</b> Maintenance Crew
<b>ALO:</b> Allied Liaison Officer	<b>NARA:</b> National Archives and Records Administration
<b>ALW:</b> Alive and Well	<b>NASAF:</b> Northwest African Strategic Air Force
<b>AMGOT:</b> Allied Military Government for Occupied Territories	<b>NATC -</b> Northwest African Training Command
<b>A.R.C.:</b> American Red Cross	<b>NATOUSA:</b> North Atlantic Theater of Operations USA
<b>ASC:</b> Air Support Command	<b>Nav:</b> Navigator
<b>ASN:</b> Army Serial Number (personnel)	<b>N.B.S.:</b> National Bureau of Standards
<b>Assg:</b> Assigned	<b>NC:</b> Nurse Corps.
<b>ASV:</b> Anti-Surface Vessel (radar)	<b>NCO:</b> Non-Commissioned Officer
<b>ATA:</b> Actual Time of Arrival	<b>Nickels:</b> propaganda Leaflets
<b>ATC:</b> Air Transportation Command	<b>(NMI):</b> No Middle Initial
<b>ATS:</b> Air Transport Service - also Army Telegraph Service	<b>NOK:</b> Next Of Kin
<b>Azon:</b> Azimuth only (guided bomb)	<b>NRO:</b> National Reconnaissance Office
<b>BC:</b> Bomber Command	<b>OAF:</b> Occupation Air Forces
<b>BIC:</b> Bruised in Crash	<b>OD:</b> Officer of the day, also Olive Drab
<b>Bmb:</b> Bombardier	<b>OLC:</b> Oak Leaf Cluster
<b>Bn:</b> Battalion	<b>OTU:</b> Operational Training Unit
<b>B.R.L.:</b> Ballistic Research Laboratory	<b>PAX:</b> Passengers
<b>BSM:</b> Bomb System Maintenance	<b>PDI:</b> Pilot Direction Indicator
<b>CA:</b> Heavy Cruiser	<b>POE:</b> Point of Embarkation
<b>CAVU:</b> Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited	<b>POW:</b> Prisoner of War (also PW)
<b>C.B.I.:</b> China-Burma-India Theater	<b>PRO-Kit:</b> Individual Chemical Prophylactic packet
<b>C/D:</b> Coastal Defense	<b>PW:</b> Prisoner of War (also POW)
<b>CE:</b> Circular Error	<b>PWB:</b> Psychological Warfare Branch
<b>CEP:</b> Circular Error Probable	<b>PX:</b> Post Exchange
<b>Chaff</b> (US term): Radar countermeasure: tiny strips of aluminum, metalized glass fiber, or plastic. See <b>Window</b>	<b>QBB:</b> Base of cloud
<b>CL:</b> Cannon Loader	<b>QDM:</b> Course to steer
<b>CO:</b> Commanding Officer	<b>QM:</b> Quarter Master
<b>CG:</b> Commanding General	<b>R/B:</b> Road Bridge
<b>CP:</b> Command Post	<b>RC:</b> Red Cross

**CQ:** Charge of Quarters  
**C/S:** Call Sign  
**CWS:** Chemical Warfare Service  
**D/H:** Direct Hit  
**DD:** Destroyer  
**DED:** Declared Dead - no body or remains found  
**Demo:** Demolition  
**DL:** Dead List  
**DNB:** Died Non-Battle / Died Not-Battle  
**DOW:** Died Of Wounds.  
**DOWRIA:** Died of Wounds Received in Action  
**DS:** Detached Service  
**E/A:** Enemy Aircraft  
**E/F:** Enemy Fighter  
**EM or E/M:** Enlisted Men  
**ETA:** Estimated Time of Arrival  
**ETIR:** Estimated Time In Route  
**EUS:** Evacuated to the United States  
**E/V:** Enemy Vessel  
**F Boat:** Flying Boat  
**F/L:** Formation Leader - also Flight Leader  
**FO or F/O:** Flying Officer  
**FOD:** Finding Of Death  
**Frag:** Fragmentation  
**F.S.:** Flight Section  
**GLO:** Ground Liaison Officer (UK)  
**GO:** General Order  
**GP:** General Purpose/Gun Position  
**GTC:** General Time Convention (railroad)  
**HE:** High Explosive  
**IAS:** Indicated Air Speed  
**I & E:** Information & Education  
**I.F.F.:** Identification, Friend or Foe  
**(i. o.):** Initials Only (initial is the name)  
**IP:** Initial Point  
**KNB:** Killed Not Battle  
  
**KIA:** Killed In Action  
**L/A:** Landing Area  
**LC:** Landing Craft  
**L/G:** Landing Ground  
**Lox:** Liquid Oxygen  
**L/S:** Landing Strip  
  
**R/J:** Road Junction  
**R/Y:** Railroad Yards  
**Repl:** Replacement  
**RMC:** Returned to Military Control  
**RON:** Remain OverNight  
**RR/B:** Railroad Bridge  
  
**RR/J:** Railroad Junction  
**RR:** Railroad  
**RTD:** Returned To Duty  
**R/V:** Rendezvous  
**S-1:** Administration  
  
**S-2:** Intelligence  
**S-3:** Operations  
**S-4:** Supply  
**SAP:** Semi-Armor Piercing  
**SD:** Special Duty  
**S/E:** Single Engine (plane)  
**S.E.:** Special Equipment (Shoran)  
**S/F:** Siebel Ferry  
**sk:** sick  
**S/M:** Submarine  
**SO:** Special Order  
**SOI:** Standard Operating Instructions?  
**S/P:** Sea Plane  
**Sq:** Squadron  
**Sqdn:** Squadron  
**SWA:** Seriously Wounded in Action  
**T/A:** Target Area  
**T/C:** Troop Concentration  
**T/E:** Twin Engine (plane)  
**TAC:** Theater Allied Command  
**TBF:** Tactical Bomber Force  
**TD:** Temporary Duty  
**TDY:** Temporary Duty  
**TLC:** Tactical Landing Craft  
**TO:** Take-Off (time), also Technical Order, and Transportation Officer  
**T/O:** Table of Organization  
**TOT:** Time Over Target/Time On Target  
**Trfd:** Transferred  
**TWX:** Teletypewriter Message  
**u/i:** Unidentified, also unit of issue  
**UNRRA:** United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration

**L/V:** Large Vehicle  
**LST:** Landing Ship Tank

**Ltr:** Letter  
**LWA:** Lightly Wounded in Action  
**MACR:** Missing Air Crew Report  
**MATS:** Military Air Transport Service

**Very Pistol or Verey Pistol:** Flare gun  
**VOCO:** Verbal Order of the Commanding Officer  
**WC:** Water closet  
**W.O.:** Warrant Officer  
**WIA:** Wounded In Action  
**Window** (British term): Radar countermeasure: tiny strips of aluminum, metalized glass fiber, or plastic. See **Chaff**  
**WP:** White Phosphorus (bombs)  
**WT, W/T:** Watch Tower  
**XC:** Cross Country  
**ZI:** Zone of Interior (U.S.A.)

## Sunday, 1 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Seventeen enlisted men assigned or attached to Group Headquarters were scheduled to leave today under the redeployment program to be transferred to the 515 Air Service Group. Some however, waited until 2 July for transportation. These men included all men left in the Group Photo Section which has now been completely closed down and all equipment turned in. The Group S-2 Section also has turned in all its equipment and disposed of all its records.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** A general indication of what could be expected during the month was given today by the transfer of 6 officers and 4 enlisted men to the 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group. Usual squadron duties were performed.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 9 Combat Officers and 6 Combat Enlisted men transferred to 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Gp. 3 Ground enlisted men transferred to 414<sup>th</sup> Night Ftr Sq.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Nine officers and six enlisted men, flying personnel, left for the US today. Two enlisted men joined this organization from 57<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Lts Campbell, Schneider, Boyd, Miller, Tryon, and Coogan; F/O's Clark, Sharar, and Johnson; Sgt's Safko, Cusack, Gosiewski, Krysak, Dutilly, and Wist were transferred to 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group.

*Boyd, Wilford D., 1Lt, bombardier*

*Clark, William C., F/O, pilot*

*Cusack, Francis X., Sgt, radio-gunner*

*Dutilly, Ellard K., S/Sgt, gunner, bombardier*

*Gosiewski, Alex A., S/Sgt, gunner, bombardier*

*Krysak, Michael (NMI), Sgt*

*Safko, Edward A., S/Sgt, gunner*

*Sharar, John H., F/O, bombardier*

*Wist, Charles G., Sgt, intelligence*

*Campbell, Knox L., 2Lt, pilot*

*Coogan, J. M., 2Lt, bombardier*

*Johnson, F/O*

*Miller, Allen R., 1Lt, pilot*

*Schneider, E. J., 2Lt, pilot*

*Tryon, Ben L., 2Lt, pilot*

**A/C No. 43-27720 Tail # 86 (to 515<sup>th</sup>  
ASG)**

**P** *Miller, Allen R., 1Lt*

**CP** *Clark, William C., F/O*

**N** *None*

**B** *Sharar, John H., F/O*

**E** *Gosiewski, Alex A., S/Sgt*

**R** *Krysak, Michael (NMI), Sgt*

**G** *None*

**F** *None*



## Monday, 2 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Nine combat crews from the Group took off to fly home, including Lt. Colonel Earl B., Young, Deputy Group Commanding Officer; Major Goodell, Group Gunnery Officer; Capt. Arthur E. Franklin, Group Navigator, W. Webb, Ass't Group Air Inspector; and Capt. Thaddeus D. Garrett, Group Air Inspector. Captain Lind, Assistant Group Intelligence Officer, was transferred to the 79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, slated for Occupational Army duty. Redeployment is in full swing.

*Franklin, Arthur E., Capt, navigator*

*Garrett, Thaddeus D., 1Lt, pilot*

*Goodell, John C., Maj, bombardier, operations*

*Lind, Ragnar G. "Jeffrey Lynn", Capt, intelligence, HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG*

*Webb, Allen W. "Pete", Capt, pilot*

*Young, Earl B., Lt Col, pilot, Deputy Commander*

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Two enlisted men were assigned to duty with the 121<sup>st</sup> Liaison Squadron and 4 enlisted men were put on temporary duty with Hq., 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing. No other incidents occurred during the day.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Captain Reginald Jackson asgd to this squadron to take over various duties left by departing ground officers. 10 enlisted men transferred to 340 Bomb Gp. Lt McGreevy sent to hospital. 3 Enlisted Men sent to 121 Liaison Sq on DS.

*Jackson, Roland B., 1Lt, pilot*

*McGreevy, William M., 1Lt, intelligence*

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Three officers and two enlisted men, flying personnel, left for the US today.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** S/Sgt D'Addario and PFC Bedell joined the squadron. Sgt Tiger; Cpls Chappell, Griffin, and Grissom; PFC's Schwartz, Unger, Whichard, Yarbrough E., Yarbrough R A, departed for 79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Gp. Capt. Sargent assigned to 86<sup>th</sup> Ftr Sqd, 79<sup>th</sup> Ftr Gp. M/Sgt Bardell returned to duty from 60<sup>th</sup> Gen Hospital. T/Sgt Smith was awarded the bronze star.

*Bardell, Kenneth E., M/Sgt, engineering*

*Bedell, Charles F., PFC, 65<sup>th</sup> FS, 57<sup>th</sup> FG*

*Chappell, William C., Cpl, armament*

*D'Addario, Oswald P., S/Sgt, 65<sup>th</sup> FS, 57<sup>th</sup> FG*

*Griffin, Charles W., Cpl, communications*

*Grissom, John E., Jr., Cpl, engineering*

*Sargent, Alwin H., Capt, intelligence*

*Schwartz, Harry (NMI), PFC, armament*

*Smith, Paul M., S/Sgt, engineering*

*Tiger, George E., Sgt, cook*

*Unger, Wilmer H. "Buzz", PFC, communications*

*Whichard, PFC*

*Yarbrough, Edward B., PFC, engineering*

*Yarbrough, Roy A., PFC, engineering*



## Tuesday, 3 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Also for the Group lost nine men, being transferred to Wing Headquarters. There were also several men who were transferred into the Group from the 79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Three officers and 2 enlisted men were transferred to the 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group, and 1 officer returned from temporary duty with XII AFSC. One enlisted man returned from rest camp in Corsica.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 3 Combat Officers and 2 Combat gunners transferred to 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Three enlisted men joined this organization from 350<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** S/Sgt's DiSalvo, Dittman, Ederer, and Fields; Sgt's McConnell, and Masbruch; Cpl's Ferguson, Garmong, Goodman, Jungquist, Langness, Lehti, and Light; PFC DelGuergio departed for 414 Night Ftr. Sqd. T/Sgt Anderson joined squadron. S/Sgt Roy; Cpl's Woller and Scombardi; and Pvt Gesmer departed for temporary duty Hq Sq, 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wg. Lt Thompson, and Lt Neilson; F/O VanHorn; Sgt's Yacur, and Capsalis departed for 515<sup>th</sup> Air Serv Grp. S/Sgt's Tratchel and Reutke joined squadron. S/Sgt Glass departed for 416<sup>th</sup> Night Ftr Sqd.

**Anderson, T/Sgt**

*DelGuergio, Jerry S., PFC, duty soldier*

*Dittman, Paul F., Jr., S/Sgt, gunner*

*Ferguson, George A., Cpl, engineering*

*Garmong, Robert F., Cpl, engineering*

*Glass, David H., S/Sgt, gunner*

*Jungquist, Walter L., Cpl, engineering*

*Lehti, George E., Cpl, armament*

*Masbruch, Arthur G., Sgt, gunner*

**Neilson, J. H., 1Lt, bombardier**

*Roy, Wilfred (NMI), S/Sgt, 65<sup>th</sup> FS, 57<sup>th</sup> FG*

*Thompson, Alexander Mackensie "Sandy", 2Lt, pilot*

**Tratchel, S/Sgt**

*Woller, Henry B., Cpl, cook*

**Capsalis, Sgt, gunner**

*DiSalvo, Alfred J., S/Sgt, gunner*

*Ederer, Robert J., Sgt, gunner*

*Fields, James A., S/Sgt, gunner*

**Gesmer, Pvt**

*Goodman, John T., Cpl, gunner*

*Langness, Irving (NMI), Cpl, armament*

*Light, Edward B., Cpl, armament*

*McConnell, William L., S/Sgt, gunner*

**Reutke, S/Sgt**

*Scombardi, John (NMI), Cpl, transportation*

**VanHorn, M. H., 2Lt, pilot**

*Yacur, George (NMI), Sgt, gunner*

## Wednesday, 4 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** There was no formal celebration of the holiday, because of the confusion incidental to the transfers under the redeployment program. Two combat crews including Captain Farrell, 445<sup>th</sup> Squadron Operation Officer took off for the United States.

*Farrell, Robert A. "Baldy", Capt, pilot, 445<sup>th</sup> BS*

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Nine officers and 5 enlisted men were transferred to the 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group. Regular squadron duties were performed without incident.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Headquarters returned 3 of our men to dy with our squadron.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** No Change. Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** T/Sgt Summers joined squadron. Cpl Waits, PFC Cantelmo, and Pvt DelBosque were assigned from Hq 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wg and placed on DS to 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. S/Sgt Crowley, Sgt Baldo, and Cpl Heaston returned to duty from DS. Lts Sturgis, Smith, Schiller, Herrin, Landis, and Lyons; Sgt's Lane, Marcellus, Gallagher, Hanley; S/Sgt Baird, and Cpl Green departed for 515 Air Serv Gp.

*Baird, S/Sgt, gunner*

*Cantelmo, PFC*

*DelBosque, Pvt*

*Green, R. C., Cpl, engineer-gunner*

*Heaston, Edgar E., Cpl, communications*

*Landis, K. R., 2Lt, pilot*

*Lyons, John W., 1Lt, bombardier*

*Schiller, 2Lt*

*Sturgis, Cloral S., 2Lt pilot*

*Waits, Cpl*

*Baldo, Louis A., Sgt, communications*

*Crowley, David F., Jr., S/Sgt, photo lab*

*Gallagher, Sgt, gunner*

*Hanley, E. N., S/Sgt, gunner, bombardier*

*Herrin, John C., 1Lt, pilot*

*Lane, Sgt*

*Marcellus, Sgt, gunner*

*Smith, 1Lt*

*Summers, T/Sgt*

## Thursday, 5 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Two more crews left for the States via Group planes.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** The recent reductions in squadron personnel strength were momentarily halted today with the assignment of 28 enlisted men to the squadron from Hq., 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing. Usual garrison duties were performed in addition to assimilating the new personnel within the organization.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Replacement duties really start when we are assigned 39 Enlisted Men from 79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group. We also transferred 3 Combat Officers and 3 Combat Enlisted Men.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Three officers and two enlisted men, flying personnel, left for the US today. Four enlisted men joined from 350<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Maj Knievel returned from duty from 60<sup>th</sup> Sta Hosp. T/Sgt's Baker and Mercuri joined squadron. PFC Grigas departed for 974 Air Engr Sq.

*Baker, T/Sgt*

*Knievel, Arthur W., Maj, executive*

*Grigas, Alexander C., PFC, personnel*

*Mercuri, T/Sgt*

## Friday, 6 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Two more crews took off ferrying our planes to the States. One was piloted by Captain Fleming, 448<sup>th</sup> Squadron. A second tour man. Four Enlisted Men were transferred into the Group from the 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group.

*Fleming, George B., Capt, pilot, 448<sup>th</sup> BS*

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Three officers and 2 enlisted men were transferred to 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group. A group officers' dance was held at the Group Officers' Mess during the evening and provided very pleasant entertainment for all who attended.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 3 Combat Officers and 2 Combat Enlisted Men transferred to 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Gp.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** No change. Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Capt Fleming; Lts Morris, Libby, Wilson, and Rogers; F/O Emerson; S/Sgt Wall; Sgt's Cauble, Steiman, and Long departed for 515 Air Serv Sq.

*Cauble, Sgt, gunner*

*Fleming, George B., Capt, pilot*

*Long, Sgt, gunner*

*Rogers, 2Lt*

*Wall, S. G., S/Sgt, radio-gunner*

*Emerson, F/O*

*Libby, Donald E., 2Lt, bombardier*

*Morris, J. R., 2Lt, pilot*

*Steiman, Sgt, gunner*

*Wilson, James M., 1Lt, pilot*

## Saturday, 7 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Six officers and forty enlisted men departed for the 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group which is scheduled to return to the States shortly.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** After performance of usual squadron duties, the balance of the day was spent in recreational activities, either at the nearby beach or at the base. A truckload of enlisted men were sent on over-night pass to Pescara, inaugurating a program which will be carried out on every week-end during the month.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Our Combat men are becoming smaller and smaller as we transfer 3 more officers and 2 Enlisted Men.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Capt Sargent departed for 79<sup>th</sup> Ftr Gp.  
*Sargent, Alwin H., Capt, intelligence*

## Sunday, 8 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** One hundred and ten enlisted men were sent to the 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** The mass reduction in personnel strength continued today with the transfer of 23 enlisted men to the 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group which will soon return to the U.S. Many of the men on the list were original members of the squadron at date of activation.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Not much doing today, 2 men returned from DS to duty.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Twenty five enlisted men assigned 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp (M).

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Lt. Genovese joined squadron. Capt Marshall departed for 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. Cpl's Tesoriero, and Thompson; PFC's Gentry, Kovacs, and Rogers departed for 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

*Genovese, Joseph, 1Lt, intelligence*

*Gentry, Edgar W., PFC, transportation*

*Kovacs, George (NMI), PFC, transportation*

*Marshall, Ulysses Steve "Doc", Capt, medical*

*Rogers, John J., PFC, communications*

*Tesoriero, Cpl, gunner*

*Thompson, K. (NMI), Cpl, gunner*

## Monday, 9 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Twenty enlisted men were transferred to the 521<sup>st</sup> Service Group and 15 enlisted men to Headquarters Occupational Air Force.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Seven enlisted men were transferred to the 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group today. In an effort to improve recreational facilities for the squadron enlisted men, the former squadron officers' club adjoining the billets was turned over to the men for their use. This club provides ping-pong and other recreational facilities in addition to a bar.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 30 Enlisted men and 1 Officer are very happy today, as they are transferred to the 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group. 5 Enlisted Men transferred to 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group, as 13 Gunners are reassigned to our squadron.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Five enlisted men transferred to 521<sup>st</sup> Air Service Group.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** S/Sgt Petruzelli; Sgt's DeFazio, Edmonson, Vassil; Cpl Piurek departed for 521 Air Serv Gp.

*DeFazio, Angelo T., Jr., Sgt, engineering*  
*Petruzelli, Biagio (NMI), Sgt, engineering*  
*Vassil, John N., S/Sgt, ordnance*

*Edmonson, Loyal C., Sgt, engineering*  
*Piurek, Ned J., Cpl, ordnance*

**448<sup>th</sup> BS: Extracts from Missing Air Crew Report # 14978:**

A/C No. 43-27720 Tail # 86 (MACR-14978 - missing enroute between Mallard Fld., Dakar and Roberts Fld., Liberia - last contacted by radio 30 mi. W. Cape Verge, N Africa))

**P** *Miller, Allen R., 1Lt, - MIA, KNB*  
**CP** *Clark, William C., F/O - MIA, KNB*  
**N** *None*  
**B** *Sharar, John H., F/O - MIA, KNB*  
**E** *Gosiewski, Alex A., S/Sgt, - MIA, KNB*  
**R** *Kryszak, Michael (NMI), Sgt - MIA, KNB*  
**G** *None*  
**F** *None*



**Monday, 9 July 1945 (continued)**

HEADQUARTERS  
AF STAGING AIRDROME NO. 2  
APO 528 US ARMY

AG WHC-hsg. 20 July 45

SUBJECT: Missing Aircraft and Air Crew.

THRU : CG, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, U. S. Army.

TO : CG, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. In accordance with verbal instructions the following information is furnished.

a. Aircraft type B-25J-2 43-27720 PROJECT RP-0011605-0

b. Crew Members:

P 1<sup>st</sup> LT ALLEN R MILLER (W) 0778216 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp  
+ (Mrs R. A. Miller, 9017 Hartford Rd, Baltimore, Md.)  
CP F/O WILLIAM C. CLARK (W) T127986 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp  
+ (Mrs W. C. Clark, 3812 Park St, Jacksonville, Fla.)  
B F/O JOHN H. SHARAR (W) T8090 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp  
+ (Mr J. Sharar, 824 W. Washington, St., Hagerstown, Mo)  
AE S/Sgt Alex J. Gosiewski (W) 32623755 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp  
+ (Mrs H. Gosiewski, 52 N. Highway, Southampton, L.I.)  
R Sgt Michael Krysak (W) 20258423 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp  
+ (Mrs D. Krysak, 1622 Madison Ave, New York, N.Y.)

c. Departed this station 1 July 1945 per SO-32, Par 9, copy attached.

d. Notice of aircraft missing enroute received 10 July 1945 from CO, A.T.C., Dakar, (copy of mag attached).

e. Sufficient information not available at this station to complete Missing Air Crew Report.

f. All personnel records of crew members were in possession of the pilot.

2. Further in accordance with verbal instructions the crew members are being carried on the Morning Report of the 515<sup>th</sup> Base Service Squadron in a missing status, as of 9 July 1945. Request information as to date subject crew can be deleted from the Morning Report of that organization.

**Monday, 9 July 1945 (continued)**

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:

Incl 1 - SO-32, AFSA-2

Incl 2 - Copy, TWX.

WILLIAM H CHAMBERS

Captain, Air Corps

Adjutant

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

+ Persons to be notified in case of emergency.

D. M. BBROWN

Captain, Air Corps.

Incl # 1

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## Tuesday, 10 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Usual garrison duties.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Thirteen enlisted men joined the squadron from the 350<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group today.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 2 Enlisted Men transferred to Hq OAF. Lt. DuBois transferred to 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing.

*DuBois, Lionel F., 1Lt, pilot*

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Two officers, flying personnel, left for the US today.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Cpl Janus and Pvt Sorrentino departed for 521<sup>st</sup> Air Serv Group. S/Sgt's Blackard, Atherton; Sgt's Bower, Braga, Griffin, Wood, Wright; Cpl Jagers, Hansing, Martin joined squadron from 350<sup>th</sup> Ftr Gp. Capt Lee, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stout, and Sgt Stevens departed for 57<sup>th</sup> Ftr Gp. Sgt James; Cpls Lewter, Marks, Gillette, and Darendinger departed for Hq OAF Line A Verona.

*Atherton, Robert C., S/Sgt, gunner*      *Blackard, Hershel L., S/Sgt, gunner*

*Bower, Sgt*

*Braga, Sgt, gunner*

*Darendinger, John M., Cpl, 64<sup>th</sup> FS, 57<sup>th</sup> FG*

*Gillette, Frederick (NMI), Cpl, ordnance*

*Griffin, E. I., Sgt, gunner, bombardier*

*Hansing, Cpl*

*Jagers, Cpl*

*James, Norman L., Sgt, 64<sup>th</sup> FS, 57<sup>th</sup> FG*

*Janus, Bill (NMI), Cpl, cook*

*Lee, Howard M., Capt, pilot*

*Lewter, Cpl*

*Marks, Thomas H., Cpl, cook or Marks, William, Cpl, transportation*

*Martin, Cpl*

*Sorrentino, Angelo M., Pvt, special service*

*Stevens, Sgt, gunner*

*Stout, Charles S. "Chuck", 1Lt, bombardier-navigator*

*Wood, Sgt*

*Wright, Sgt*

## Wednesday, 11 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Fifteen enlisted men were transferred to the 57<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual squadron duties and recreation occupied the day.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 13 men transferred to 79 Fighter Gp, and that's about all for today.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** No change. Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** T/Sgt Kurs was awarded the Bronze Star.  
*Kurs, Jerome H. "Jerry", T/Sgt, operations*

## Thursday, 12 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** HQ XII Air Forces Service Command is disbanded at Siena, Italy.

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mulholland who was formerly a bombardier and then assistant Squadron Intelligence Officer in the 447<sup>th</sup> Squadron and who then was assigned to A-2, Section 12 Air Force, has been reassigned to his old Squadron.

*Mulholland, Robert W., 1Lt, bombardier, 447<sup>th</sup> BS*

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Two enlisted men were transferred to the squadron from the 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group. No other unusual incidents occurred.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Capt Warren awarded Bronze Star Medal. T/Sgt Dickey awarded 1<sup>st</sup> OLC to Bronze Star. Pvt Foley awarded 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> OLC to Air Medal.

*Dickey, Ervin G., T/Sgt, armament*

*Foley, Joseph M., Pvt, gunner*

*Warren, Joseph E., Capt, medical officer*

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** One officer transferred to the 310<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual organizational duties were all that took place.

## Friday, 13 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Twenty-six enlisted men departed for the 87<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, thirty four to the 86<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, twenty to the 85<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron and fifteen more to various other units.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Seven enlisted men were assigned to the 416<sup>th</sup> Night Fighter Squadron and one man was assigned to the 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 2 Combat Gunners assigned to our squadron.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** One enlisted man transferred to 798<sup>th</sup> Air Materiel Squadron. One enlisted man transferred to the 416<sup>th</sup> Night Fighter Squadron. One enlisted man assigned from 310<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group. One officer assigned from 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** PFC Irvine departed for 798<sup>th</sup> Matl sq (Air). S/Sgt Parent left for 60<sup>th</sup> Sta Hosp (sick). Pvt Patty and Maj. Knievel departed for Florence to play in a tennis tournament.

*Irvine, Josef F., PFC, supply*  
*Parent, S/Sgt*

*Knievel, Arthur W., Maj, executive*  
*Patty, John Edward "Budge", Pvt*

## Saturday, 14 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** HQ 350<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group and 345<sup>th</sup>, 346<sup>th</sup> and 347<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadrons begin a movement from Pisa, Italy to the US.

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Thirteen enlisted men departed for Headquarters AAF/MTO.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Seven enlisted men were assigned to the 859<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, one was assigned to the 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group, and one was assigned to Hq., AAF/MTO. One officer was transferred into the organization from the 447<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron. The weekly Group Officers' dance again provided pleasant entertainment.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** We transferred 1 man to 340 Bomb Gp, 3 men to 859 Bomb Sq, 3 to 360 Air Service Group, 4 M/Sgts to 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group, and 5 men to Hq Sq AAF/MTO.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Nine enlisted men transferred to 859<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron (H). One enlisted man transferred to 360<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group. Nine officers and six enlisted men, flying personnel, left for the US today.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** S/Sgt Cook, Sgt Griffen, and Sgt Frabictore were awarded the Bronze Star. Lt Saliwanchik departed for 310<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. M/Sgt Neidhardt departed for 859<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq.

*Cook, S/Sgt*

*Griffen, Harry J., Sgt, intelligence*

*Saliwanchik, 2Lt,*

*Frabictore, Joseph B., Sgt, engineering*

*Neidhardt, M/Sgt*



## Sunday, 15 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** Unit moves in Italy: HQ 57<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group and 64<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadrons from Grosseto to Bagnoli with P-47s; 414<sup>th</sup> Night Fighter Squadron, Twelfth AF, from Pontedera to Bagnoli with P-61s.

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Few more enlisted men were transferred to the 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group (M).

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Five enlisted men were transferred to the 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group. Usual squadron duties were performed.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 2 Men returned from DS at 79 Fighter Gp.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** One officer, flying, left for the US today. Five enlisted men transferred to AQ SQ AAF/MTO.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Cpl Fields departed for temporary duty 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.  
*Fields, Carl E., Cpl, transportation*

## Monday, 16 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** Unit moves in Italy: 121<sup>st</sup> Liaison Squadron, Twelfth AF, from Manerba to Florence with UC-78s, L-4s and L-5s; the 486<sup>th</sup>, 487<sup>th</sup>, 488<sup>th</sup> and 489<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadrons (Medium), 340<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Medium), begins a movement from Rimini to the US.

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Colonel Cassidy attended a conference at Headquarters 12 Air Force at which he was told that after the combat men now with the Group were transferred, the Group would be left at its present strength until the final move to the States. At last we can expect a more settled life.

*Cassidy, Charles F., Jr., Col, pilot, Commander*

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Two enlisted men were transferred to the 79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group during the day. No unusual incidents occurred.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 3 Enlisted Men transferred to 79 Fighter Group.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** One enlisted man, flying, left for the US today. Six enlisted men transferred to the 79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** S/Sgt's Ederer and Fleek joined sq. S/Sgt Tratchel, Sgt's Lebica, Melear, and Rader; Cpl's Cocorles, Dickinson, and Farris departed for 79<sup>th</sup> Ftr Gp.

*Cocorles, Cpl*

*Dickinson, Cpl*

*Ederer, Robert J., S/Sgt, gunner*

*Farris, Cpl*

*Fleek, S/Sgt*

*Lebica, Sgt*

*Melear, Sgt*

*Rader, Sgt*

*Tratchel, S/Sgt*

## Tuesday, 17 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Thirty-four pilots from the 350<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group and 18 from the 57<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group arrived in this Group for an indefinite stay pending their redeployment.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Regular garrison duties were performed.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 3 Men transferred to 340 Bomb Group.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** One enlisted man transferred to the 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** S/Sgt's Kelly and Russell joined sq from Hq 57 Bomb Wg. T/Sgt's Frank, Young; Cpl Nunley; and Pfc Naeger joined sq from Hq 321 Bomb Gp.

*Frank, T/Sgt, HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG*

*Naeger, PFC, HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG*

*Russell, S/Sgt, HQ 57<sup>th</sup> BW*

*Kelly, S/Sgt, HQ 57<sup>th</sup> BW*

*Nunley, Cpl, HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG*

*Young, T/Sgt, HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG*

## Wednesday, 18 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Wing now advises the Group that all enlisted men except about 20% and most of the officers will be transferred out in the near future. Orders for the transfer of forty-six enlisted men were received.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Thirteen officers and 8 enlisted men representing the last combat crews in the squadron left this morning under orders assigning them to the 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Transferred 9 Officers and 4 Enlisted Combat Men.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** T/Sgt Frank was awarded the Bronze Star. Lt. West departed for 38 ADG.

**Frank, T/Sgt**

*West, Alden A. "Bud", 1Lt, pilot*

**Thursday, 19 July 1945**

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Wing now advises that all personnel except the Commanding Officer and one enlisted man in each squadron and at Group Headquarters will be transferred to the 300<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group on or about 1 August and that the permission of the War Department is being requested to disband the Group overseas. Colonel Gaffney Group executive officer will also remain with the cadre left in the Group.

*Gaffney, Charles H, Maj, Executive Officer, HQ Group Commander*

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** No unusual incidents occurred during the day's performance of regular duties. During the evening, a dance was held for enlisted personnel at Group Headquarters, with feminine talent being supplied from the nearby towns. It was a welcome change for the men.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Not a thing doing today.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Six enlisted men assigned from Hq 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Cpl Shipley departed for 548 Air Serv Gp. Sgt Kozik departed for 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

*Kozik, Frank D., Sgt, armament*

*Shipley, Cpl*

## Friday, 20 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Steps are being taken to dispose of all property and equipment in the unit. Twenty-one enlisted men left by air for the 121 Liaison Squadron, and twenty-six left for the 313 Signal Company.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** One of the greatest mass transfers of enlisted men to occur so far took place today when 38 men were transferred to other units. Of this total, 6 went to the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Group, 1 to the 14<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, 13 to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group, 12 to the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, and 6 to the 31<sup>st</sup> Fighter Group. In addition, 5 men were assigned on temporary duty to the 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group, 2 men were placed on temporary duty to Hq., 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group, and 2 men were assigned to Hq., 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing.

In addition to this mass transfer, further indication that the personnel could expect to return to the States in the near future was given by the fact that some of the squadron transportation was turned in. Nine such vehicles were turned in at Bari.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 5 Men returned from DS 515 Air Service Group. 2 Enlisted men returned from hospital. 8 Enlisted men transferred to 31 Fighter Group. 4 Enlisted men transferred to 14 Ftr Group. 11 Enlisted men transferred to 325 Fighter Group. 2 Enlisted men transferred to 121 Air Liaison Squadron. 1 Enlisted man transferred to Hq 57 Bomb Wing. And those ever present 13 men from the 79 Fighter Group are reassigned.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Fifteen enlisted men transferred to 52<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group. Five enlisted men assigned.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** S/Sgt's Loscalzo, McAvoy, Norris, Nero, Mullen, Rakestraw, Maas, and Sgt Osip joined sq. Sgt Griffen was awarded the Bronze Star. T/Sgt's Lund and Sommers departed for 121 Liaison Sq.

*Griffen, Harry J., S/Sgt, intelligence*

*Lund, John L, T/Sgt, engineering*

*McAvoy, S/Sgt*

*Nero, S/Sgt*

*Osip, Sgt*

*Sommers, Stephen L., T/Sgt, communications*

*Loscalzo, S/Sgt*

*Maas, S/Sgt*

*Mullen, S/Sgt*

*Norris, S/Sgt*

*Rakestraw, S/Sgt*

## Saturday, 21 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Forty-five enlisted men left for the 121<sup>st</sup> Liaison Squadron.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** The reduction in enlisted personnel continued today with the departure of 17 additional men. Twelve were assigned to the 121 Air Liaison Squadron, 4 men were assigned to the 313<sup>th</sup> Signal Co., and 1 man was transferred to the 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 8 Enlisted Men transferred to 121 Air Liaison Squadron. 13 Enlisted men transferred to 121 Air Liaison Squadron. 3 Men transferred to 313 Signal Co Wing. 2 Enlisted men that went on DS to Cannes France, are transferred to 313 Signal Co Wing.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Twenty three enlisted men transferred to different organizations in this theater. Thirteen enlisted men assigned.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Sgt Griffin and Pvt Fegley departed for 121 Liaison Sq.

*Fegley, Russell D., Pvt, engineering*

*Griffin William G., Sgt, engineering*



## Sunday, 22 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Usual garrison duties.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual garrison duties were performed today. Arrangements were also under way to promote the organization of a soft-ball team within the squadron to participate in the 321<sup>st</sup> Group league.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** No Change at All.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual organizational duties were all that took place.

## Monday, 23 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Usual garrison duties.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual squadron duties were performed without incident. Virtually all non-administrative sections have completed their duties and turned in all equipment with the result that the only remaining essential work is performed by the Orderly room, medical section, supply section and kitchen. The extra time for the men is being taken up daily in the form of organized drill and calisthenics and recreation.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Once again we have no change.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Capt Brink, Lts Meyers, Erickson, Stevens, Plummer, Goodwin, McGregor, Pritchett; F/Os Church, Rizzo, S/Sgts Carter, Russell, Kelly; Sgts Stewart, Novitsky, Kelly, Seigal departed for 515 Air Serv Gp.

*Brink, Richard E., Capt, bombardier*

*Church, F/O*

*Goodwin, 2Lt,*

*Kelly, Sgt*

*Meyers, Kenneth F., 1Lt, pilot*

*Plummer, J. C., 2Lt, pilot*

*Rizzo, F/O*

*Seigal, Sgt, gunner*

*Stewart, Sgt, gunner*

*Carter, Hugh A., S/Sgt, engineer-gunner*

*Erickson, 2Lt*

*Kelly, S/Sgt, HQ 57<sup>th</sup> BW*

*McGregor, 2Lt*

*Novitsky, Sgt, gunner*

*Pritchett, 1Lt*

*Russell, S/Sgt, HQ 57<sup>th</sup> BW*

*Stevens, S. R., 1Lt, Gunnery Officer*

## Tuesday, 24 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Usual garrison duties.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Rumors continue to flow freely regarding ultimate disposition of the remaining squadron personnel. At the present time, it appears that the squadron will be moved to Fano, Italy early in August.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** S/Sgt Holdridge was honorably discharged to accept commission. Laporte returned from Hospital.

*Holdridge, John F., S/Sgt, gunner*

*Laporte,*

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** No change. Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual organizational duties were all that took place.

## Wednesday, 25 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND (North African Division): Units inactivated at Casablanca, French Morocco: HQ 303<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Group (Heavy) and 358<sup>th</sup>, 359<sup>th</sup>, 360<sup>th</sup> and 427<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy); HQ 379<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Heavy) and 524<sup>th</sup>, 525<sup>th</sup>, 526<sup>th</sup> and 527<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy); HQ 484<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Heavy) and 824<sup>th</sup>, 825<sup>th</sup>, 826<sup>th</sup> and 827<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy).

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Usual garrison duties.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** No unusual incidents occurred. Owing to uncertainty concerning orders for personnel it has been impossible to send many men to the various Air Force rest camps. However, everyone has been encouraged to make the most of local recreational facilities and entertainment.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 1 man to DS to 79 Fighter Group shows up for duty.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** One enlisted man transferred to 548<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Maj Knievel left for TDY to Leghorn, Italy. Sgt. Stracuzzi returned to duty from 60<sup>th</sup> Station Hosp.

*Knievel, Arthur W., Maj, executive*

*Stracuzzi, John L., Sgt, gunner-bombardier*

## Thursday, 26 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** One hundred fifty six enlisted men departed for the 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Regular squadron duties were performed after which a dance was held for the enlisted men. Many men attended and seemed to enjoy the occasion.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Things are becoming quiet, no change again.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** No change. Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** F/O Maximovich departed for 310 Bomb Gp. Pvt Patty left for Leghorn on TDY.

*Maximovich, F/O*

*Patty, John Edward "Budge", Pvt*

## Friday, 27 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** HQ 340<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Medium) begins a movement from Rimini, Italy to the US.

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** No changes of significance.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** The exodus of personnel was resumed today with the departure of 38 more men. Three men were assigned to the 515<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group, 1 to the 360<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group, 1 to the 594<sup>th</sup> signal Bn., 8 to 859<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, 3 to 885<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, 2 to 1005<sup>th</sup> Signal Co., 1 to 1585<sup>th</sup> ordnance Co., 3 to 1633<sup>rd</sup> Ordnance Co., 1 to 1635<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Co., 3 to the 1643<sup>rd</sup> Ordnance Co., 2 to the 1726<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Co., 1 to 1778<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Co., 1 to 6569<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Co., 1 to 6572<sup>nd</sup> Ordnance Co., 2 to 6727<sup>th</sup> Administrative Platoon, 2 to 6728 Administrative Platoon, 1 to Hq., XII Air Force, and 1 to 79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Did I say quiet...1 combat engineer transferred to MAAF. 1 man transferred to 325 Fighter Group. 6 Enlisted Men transferred to 515 Air Service Group. 2 Enlisted Men transferred to 360 Service Group. 5 Enlisted Men transferred to 859 Bomb Sq. 4 Enlisted Men transferred to 885 Bomb Squadron. 2 Enlisted Men transferred to 1005 Signal Company. 1 Enlisted Man transferred to 1585 Ord S&M Co. 1 man to 1543 Ord S&M Company. 1 Man to 1651 Ord S&M Co. 1 man to 1705 S&M Co. 1 Man to O1726 Ord S&M Co. 2 men to 1793 Ord S&M Co. 4 Men to 6727 Adm Platoon AFRC. 1 man to 6727 Adm Platoon. 2 men to 6728 Adm Platoon. 1 man to 1633 Ord S&M Co. 1 Man to 1635 Ord S&M Co and 2 Men to be sent back to the 321<sup>st</sup> Headquarters.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Thirty nine enlisted men transferred to different organizations in this theater.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Sturgis left for US. Pvt Sorrentino joined squadron from 521<sup>st</sup> Air Serv Gp. Sgts Eikler and Swenson departed for Hq Sq 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force. T/Sgt Kurs, Sgt Davis, PFC Ahles, and Pvt Rosencranz departed for 515 ASG. M/Sgt Parsons and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Iseldyke were awarded the Bronze Star. T/Sgt Ruggere, Cpls Griffith and Nunley departed for 360<sup>th</sup> ASG. M/Sgt Parsons departed for 594 Sig Avn Bn. T/Sgts Fogwell, Ridge; S/Sgts French, Libero, Cook, Roberts, Weaver, and Brownley; Sgts Frabictore, and McAdams departed for 859<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq. Sgt Ebeyer departed for 885<sup>th</sup> Bmb Sq. S/Sgt Burns departed for 1005 Sig Co. T/Sgt Young departed 1005 Sig Co. Pfc Naeger departed for 1633 Ord S&M Co. Sgt Yaw departed for 1778 Ord S&M Co. Sgt Taddei departed for 1793 S&M Ord Co. Sgt Daly and Pfc Wade departed for 6726<sup>th</sup> Adm Platoon Co. AFRC. S/Sgt Lind and Cpls Fields, DePrisco, and Wakefield departed for 6727 Adm Platoon AFRC. M/Sgt Beatty departed for 515 ASG. T/Sgt Mercuri departed for 1635<sup>th</sup> Ord S&M Co.

*Ahles, Sgt, 57<sup>th</sup> FG*

*Brownley, S/Sgt*

*Cook, S/Sgt*

*Beatty, M/Sgt*

*Burns, S/Sgt*

*Daly, Sgt*

**Friday, 27 July 1945 (continued)**

*Davis, Roy (NMI), Sgt, intelligence*  
*Ebeyer, John (NMI), Sgt, communications*  
*Fields, Carle E., Cpl, transportation*  
*Frabictore, Joseph B., Sgt, engineering*  
*Griffith, Chester M., Cpl, ordnance*  
*Kurs, Jerome H. "Jerry", T/Sgt, operations*  
*Libero, Victor P., S/Sgt, armament*  
*McAdams, Sgt*  
*Naeger, PFC, HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG*  
*Parsons, George M., Jr., M/Sgt, communications*  
*Ridge, Willis E., T/Sgt, communications*  
*Rosencranz, Harvey R., Sgt, engineering*  
*Sorrentino, Angelo M., Pvt, special service*  
*Swenson, James R., Sgt, engineering*  
*Taddei, Vladimiro J., Sgt, chemical warfare service*  
*Wade, Avery (NMI), PFC, medical*  
*Weaver, S/Sgt*  
*Young, T/Sgt, HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG*

*DePrisco, Jerry J., Cpl, transportation*  
*Eikler, Maynard L., Sgt, communications*  
*Fogwell, Richard E., Jr., T/Sgt, armament*  
*French, George W., S/Sgt, armament*  
*Iseldyke, LeRoy J., Sgt, personnel, 1st Sgt*  
*Lind, Clarence E., S/Sgt, medical*  
*Mercuri, T/Sgt*  
*Nunley, CPL, HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG*  
*Roberts, John L., S/Sgt, communications*  
*Ruggere, Orlando (NMI), T/Sgt, tech supply*  
*Sturgis, Cloral S., 1Lt pilot*  
*Wakefield, Elwood L., Cpl, transportation*  
*Yaw, Philip C., Sgt, engineering*



## Saturday, 28 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** No changes of significance.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** John Holdridge joined the squadron after receiving his commission from the XII Air Force. He was originally a gunner in the 446<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron.

*Holdridge, John F., 2Lt,*

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 1 Enlisted man transferred to 79 Fighter Group. 1 Enlisted Man transferred to 347 Fighter Squadron. 1 man transferred to 121 Air Liaison Squadron. 2 Men transferred to Hq Squadron 12 Air Force, and 1 man transferred to Hq 57 Bomb Wing.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** One enlisted man, first from this squadron, departed today for a tour of Switzerland. Two enlisted men transferred to Hq Sq 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual organizational duties were all that took place.

## Sunday, 29 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Usual garrison duties.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual squadron duties were performed.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** No Change

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Two enlisted men transferred to Hq 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** T/Sgt Young returned from 60<sup>th</sup> Sta Hosp. Cpls Scombardi and Woller were assigned to Hq Sq 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wg.

*Scombardi, John (NMI), Cpl, transportation*

*Woller, Henry B., Cpl, cook*

*Young, T/Sgt, HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG*

## Monday, 30 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** No Entry

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** Usual garrison duties.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Word was received today that Capt. Edgar F. Ulmer, Squadron Adjutant had been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during the recent campaign.

*Ulmer, Edgar F., Capt, Adjutant*

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** S/Sgt Carl Vetter was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

*Vetter, Carl R., S/Sgt, personnel*

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** Usual organizational duties were all that took place.

## Tuesday, 31 July 1945

**USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12<sup>th</sup> AF):** Organizational charts show a great decrease in Jul in the size of the Twelfth AF due to redeployment, transfer, disbandment, and discontinuance of 50 units; only 5 new units are added to the Twelfth and this leaves 77 assigned and 3 attached units compared to 122 assigned and 2 attached the previous month; the Twelfth practically ceases to be a flying AF as only 2 bombardment groups (medium), a night fighter squadron, and a reconnaissance group remain as flying units and the planes from these units are shortly transferred to Army Air Forces Services Command, MTO.

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** No changes. All records of Group shipped to MTOUSA for storage.

**445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** One enlisted man was transferred to the 121<sup>st</sup> Air Liaison Squadron to complete the changes in personnel during the month. Although there were no operations in progress during the month, July witnessed an almost complete change-over in personnel. As compared with 35 Officers and 213 enlisted men on hand at the beginning of the month, 9 Officers and 58 enlisted men remained at the end.

**446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** The last day in the month and not a thing of importance seemed to have happened.

**447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** NO CHANGE. Usual organizational duties.

**448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jantz left for 4<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital sick.  
*Jantz, Lawrence E., 1Lt, supply*

JOSEPH GENOVESE  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut., AC  
Squadron Historian

## July 1945

### HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary: Additional Narrative for July 1945

HEADQUARTERS  
321<sup>st</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
APO 650

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, 57<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, APO 650 US Army.  
Attention: Historian

1. Outline History of the 321<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group Headquarters for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

a Original Unit.

- (1) Original Designation: 321<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group (M).
- (2) Place of activation: Barksdale Field, Louisiana.
- (3) Date of activation: 26 June 1942.
- (4) Authority for Activation: General Order # 143, Hq 3d Air Force, 23 June 1943.
- (5) Sources of Personnel: Transfer from other units, voluntary enlistments, selective service, National Guard.

b Changes in Organization.

- (1) Changes in designation: None
- (2) Echelon or Units:
  - (a) Transferred: None
  - (b) On DS or TD: None.
  - (c) Attached to other Headquarters for Operational Control: None.
- (3) Change of Commanding Officers: None.
- (4) Changes of Staff Officers: Lt. Colonel Earl F. Young, Deputy Group Commander; Major John C. Goodell, Group Gunnery Officer; Captain Thaddeus D. Garrett, Group Air Inspector, and Captain Allen W. Webb, Assistant Group Air Inspector were relieved from assignment and assigned to 515 Air Service Group by authority of Par 5, SO 1140 Hq 57 Bomb Wing 3 July 1945. Captain Ragnar G. Lind *Jeffrey Lynn*", Assistant Group Intelligence Officer was relieved from assignment and assigned to Hq 79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group by authority of Par 4, SO 162 Hq Twelfth Air Force dated 3 July 1945.

## July 1945 (continued)

c Strength: Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) Month of June 1945.

(a) Beginning:	Enlisted Men: 186	Officers: 26 (Incl. 1 W.O.)
(b) Net Increase:	Enlisted Men: 0	Officers: 0
(c) Net Decrease:	Enlisted Men: 156	Officers: 6
(d) At End	: Enlisted Men: 30	Officers: 20 (Incl. 1 W.O.)

d Stations of Units or Echelons.

(1) Name of Station: Falconara Airfield, Italy.

(a) Date of Arrival: 4 April 1945.

e Movements of Unit or Echelons.

(1) None.

f Campaigns.

(1) None.

g Operations.

(1) None.

h Command Officers on Important missions: None.

i Losses in Action: None.

j Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action:

(1) See attached list

k Number of photographs being submitted:

(1) None

1. Inclosed is War Diary, 321<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group Headquarters for the period 1 July 1945 through 31 July 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

Incl:

1. War Diary.
2. Special Account

ROBERT W. MANLY,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group Historian.

## July 1945 (continued)

HEADQUARTERS  
321<sup>st</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP

### SPECIAL ACCOUNTS JULY 1945

#### O B I T U A R Y

Since the end of the War the Group has been turned into a replacement depot for the Twelfth Air Force. Men have been transferred in and out and back in again. Few of the original enlisted men are left but the officer personnel has changed very little.

A training program was started with the purpose of checking out the combat crews in A-26's and training the ground crews in A-26 maintenance. Courses were given to prepare personnel for duty in the Pacific. However, the return of the crews to the States in the Group's own planes stopped this training program. The engineering personnel became very pressed to ready the planes for the trip. The last one of the Group's combat aircraft was flown away on 9 July. Several A-26's were transferred to the group and flown out later. By the end of the month the Group had four stripped-downs left. Two of these were grounded for lack of parts. There was only one combat crew left in the Group. It was waiting for a plane to be delivered from Germany which would be flown home.

The I. & E. program which started with great enthusiasm suffered a slow but complete death when ground personnel started to be transferred about the middle of June. After that even inspections and parades were impractical and the only activities of the Group were in keeping itself amused.

Throughout the early period of the end of the War it was understood that the Group would go to the Pacific via the States after it had been reequipped with A-26 aircraft. Morale at the time was high. The Group had one of the most outstanding records of any unit in the war. Its bombing accuracy 93.94% in one month. Has never been equaled. However, when it was learned that the Group would be inactivated or disbanded, the officers and men who had worked for the Group for almost three years were disheartened. They felt that, if any medium bombardment group were to be kept alive, it should be the 321<sup>st</sup>. On the basis of its disbanded overseas without ceremony or public notice other than a line in a War Department Order filled their cup of sorrow to overflowing.

#### R E Q U I E M   I N   P A C E

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**July 1945 (continued)**

HEADQUARTERS  
321<sup>st</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
Office of the Surgeon

APO 650, US Army,  
5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Medical History.

TO : Commanding General, AAFSG/MTO, APO 528, US Army.  
Attention: Surgeon.

1. Circular letter No. 19, Office of the Surgeon, Hqs., M. T. O., dated 21 June 1945, both on the subject of Medical Histories, were received by this Office, July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively, after the 3 months periodic Medical History for this unit had been prepared.

2. The periodic medical history of this unit from April 1<sup>st</sup>, to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1945, is submitted herewith. A final report, to cover the time until redeployment, will be submitted, if the unit is disbanded prior to the end of the year.

GEORGE A. SILVER,  
Major, Medical Corps,  
Group Surgeon.

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## July 1945 (continued)

### 445<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for July 1945

HEADQUARTERS 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group (M)  
APO 650

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, 57<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing  
Attentions: Historian

1. Outline History of the 445<sup>th</sup> Squadron for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

a Original unit

- (1) 445<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 321<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group (M), 57<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force.
- (2) Barksdale Army Air Base, La., was place of activation
- (3) June 23, 1942 was date of activation
- (4) G.O. #145, Hq. 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Force, 23 June 1942 was authority for activation
- (5) National guard, selective service and regular army were sources of personnel

b Changes in organization

- (1) No changes in designation, no transfer, unit was not placed on DS or TS nor was it attached to other headquarters for operational control
- (2) There was no change of commanding officers.
- (3) There was no change of staff officers.
- (4) There was no new T/O

c Strength, commissioned and enlisted

- (1) Month of July 1945
  - (a) At beginning - 258
  - (b) Net increase -
  - (c) Net decrease - 192
  - (d) At end - 66

d Stations of units or echelons – Falconara Airfield, Italy – still present this base.

e Movements – there was no movement of the squadron during the month of July, 1945.

f Campaigns – hostilities ceased in Italy.

g No combat missions flown by squadron.

h Losses in action – none

## July 1945 (continued)

i Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action:

G.O. #149, Headquarters 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 5 July 1945:

Bronze Star (Meritorious Achievement)

S/Sgt. George P. Cavalenes, *armament*

G.O. #101, Headquarters 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 19 July 1945:

Bronze Star (Meritorious Achievement)

Capt. Edgar F. Ulmer, *Adjutant*

S/Sgt. John L. McNevin, *intelligence, 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant*

2. Enclosed is War Diary, 445<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron for the period from 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

Incl:  
War Diary.

ALLAN C. WILLS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Squadron Historian.

## July 1945 (continued)

### 446<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for July 1945

HEADQUARTERS 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group (M)  
APO 650

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing, APO 650 U.S. Army  
Attention Historian.

1. Outline History of the 446<sup>th</sup> Squadron for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945:

a Original unit

- (1) 446<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 321<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group (M), 57<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force.
- (2) Barksdale Army Air Base, La., was place of activation.
- (3) June 23, 1942 was date of activation.
- (4) GO @145, Hq 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Force, 23 June 1942 was authority for activation
- (5) National Guard, Selective Service, and Regular Army were sources of personnel.

b Changes in organization

- (1) No change in designation, no transfer, unit was not place on DS or TD nor was it attached to other headquarters for operational control.
- (2) There was no change of commanding officers.
- (3) There was no change of Staff Officers.
- (4) There was no new T/O.

c Strength, commissioned and enlisted

- (1) Month of July 1945
  - (a) At beginning - 229
  - (b) Net increase.
  - (c) Net decrease - 164
  - (d) At end - 65

d Stations of units or echelons or echelons – Falconara Airfield, Italy – Still present at this base.

e Movements – There was no movement of this squadron during the month of July 1945

f Campaigns – Hostilities ceased in Italy.

g No combat missions flown by squadron.

h Losses in combat - none

## July 1945 (continued)

- i. Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action:
- GO #113, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 26 May 1945  
Distinguished Flying Cross (Extraordinary achievement)  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Richard W O'Connor, *navigator*
- GO #134, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 16 June 1945  
Air Medal (participating in Aerial Flight)  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Joseph R. Owens Jr, *pilot*
- GO #106, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 15 May 1945  
1<sup>st</sup> Oak leaf Cluster to Air Medal (Participating in Aerial Flight)  
F/O William F Reed, *pilot*
- GO #146, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 2 July 1945  
Bronze Star (Meritorious Achievement)  
Capt Joseph E Warren, *Medical Officer*
- GO #141, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 25 June 1945  
1<sup>st</sup> Oak leaf Cluster to Air Medal (Participating in Aerial Flight)  
T/Sgt Ervin G Dickey, *armament*
- GO #111, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 21 May 1945  
1<sup>st</sup> Oak leaf Cluster to Air Medal (Participating in Aerial Flight)  
Pvt Joseph M Foley, *gunner*
- GO #164, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 23 July 1945  
Bronze Star (Meritorious Achievement)  
S/Sgt Carl R Vetter, *personnel*

2. War Diary Enclosed.

ROBERT R. SMEDLEY,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Commanding., *pilot*

## July 1945 (continued)

### 447<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for July 1945

447<sup>TH</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M)  
321<sup>ST</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
APO 65

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, 57<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing.  
Attention: Historian.

1. Outline History of the 447<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

a. 447<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (M), 321<sup>st</sup> bombardment Group (M).

- (1) 447<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (M), 321<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group (M), 57<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing (M), 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force.
- (2) Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina.
- (3) 23 June 1942
- (4) G.O. 145, Hq. 11 AF, 23 June 1942
- (5) Transferred from other units and Selective Service.

b. Change in Organization.

- (1) No Change
- (2) Echelons or units.
  - (a) Transferred.
    - 8 Enlisted men trfd to 79<sup>th</sup> Ftr Gp.
    - 19 Enlisted men trfd to 121<sup>st</sup> Liaison Sq.
    - 26 enlisted men trfd to 340<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp (M)
    - 5 enlisted men trfd to 521<sup>st</sup> Air Service Gp.
    - 7 enlisted men trfd to Hq OAF Line A.
    - 1 enlisted man trfd to 798<sup>th</sup> Air materiel Sq.
    - 1 enlisted man trfd 416<sup>th</sup> Night Fighter Sq.
    - 4 enlisted men trfd to 350<sup>th</sup> Air Service Gp.
    - 2 officers trfd to 310<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp (M)
    - 15 enlisted men trfd to 859<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)
    - 5 enlisted men trfd to Hq Sq AAF/MTO
    - 4 enlisted men trfd to Hq Sq 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing
    - 1 enlisted man trfd to 548<sup>th</sup> Air Service Gp
    - 2 enlisted men trfd to 1651<sup>st</sup> Ord S&M Co
    - 1 enlisted man trfd to 1697<sup>th</sup> Ord S&M Co
    - 3 enlisted men trfd to 6726<sup>th</sup> Adm Platoon
    - 2 enlisted men trfd to 6727<sup>th</sup> Adm Platoon
    - 1 enlisted man trfd to 6728<sup>th</sup> Adm Platoon
    - 1 enlisted man trfd to 1635<sup>th</sup> Ord S&M Co

## July 1945 (continued)

1 enlisted man trfd 1705<sup>th</sup> Ord S&M Co  
1 enlisted man trfd 594<sup>th</sup> Sig Avn Bn  
4 enlisted men trfd to 885<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)  
5 enlisted men trfd to 1005<sup>th</sup> Sig Co  
1 enlisted man trfd to 1633<sup>rd</sup> Ord S&M Co  
1 enlisted man trfd to 1778<sup>th</sup> Ord S&M Co  
1 enlisted man trfd to 1726<sup>th</sup> Ord S&M Co  
1 enlisted man trfd to MAAF  
36 officers and 27 enlisted men trfd to 515<sup>th</sup> Air Serv Gp.

(b) On DS or TD.

1 enlisted man on TD Switzerland  
3 enlisted men DS to Hq Sq 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing

(c) No Change.

(3) No change in commanding officers during the month

(4) No change in staff officers during the month.

(5) No Change.

c. Strength, Commission and enlisted.

(1) Month of July 1945.

(a) At Beginning. 41 Officers; 225 Enlisted Men

(b) Net increase.

(c) Net decrease. 29 Officers; 152 Enlisted Men

(d) At end: 12 Officers; 73 Enlisted Men.

d. Stations of units or echelons.

(1) Falconara Air Field, Italy

(a) 7 April 1945

(b) Still at the same station.

e. Movement of units or echelons.

(1) Did not move during month.

f. Campaigns.

(1) Did not participate in any campaigns this month

g. Operations.

(1) No combat operations this month.

h. No command officers in important missions during the month.

i. Losses in action during the month of July 1945.

(1) No losses

## July 1945 (continued)

- j. Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action during the month, and were presented the following awards:

On General Order No. 141, dated 25 June 1945, from 12<sup>th</sup> AF.  
S/Sgt Michael A. Andryscak, *gunner*, Bronze Star Medal

On General Order No. 146, dated 2 July 1945, from 12<sup>th</sup> AF.  
Captain Eugene R. Herrmann, *engineering*, Bronze Star Medal

On General Order No. 149, dated 6 July 1945, from 12<sup>th</sup> AF.  
S/Sgt Lucian J. Repczynski, *personnel*, Bronze Star Medal

On General Order No. 159, dated 18 July 1945, from 12<sup>th</sup> AF.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Robert H. Young, *pilot*, Air Medal  
F/O Emil R. Nyman, *pilot*, Air Medal  
S/Sgt Alfred S. Barrett, *gunner*, Air Medal  
Sgt Thomas J. Maloney, *gunner*, Air Medal

On General Order No. 164, dated 23 July 1945, from 12<sup>th</sup> AF.  
Captain Walter H. Whitton, Jr., *armament*, Bronze Star Medal  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John L. Denman, *pilot*, Bronze Star Medal  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William D. Wiley, *bombardier*, Bronze Star Medal  
M/Sgt Myron R. Small, *radio-gunner*, Bronze Star Medal

- k. No Photographs were submitted for this month.

2. Enclose War Diary, 447<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq., for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

1 Incls:  
Incl 1 – War Diary

WILLIAM E. LEVINE,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Historian

## July 1945 (continued)

### 448<sup>th</sup> BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for July 1945

HEADQUARTERS 448<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (M)  
APO 650, US ARMY

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force,  
A-2 Section, Attention: Historian

1. Outline History of the 448<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron for the period 1 July to 31 July 1945.

a Present Designation:

448<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 321<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group (M), 57<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing (M).

b Changes in organization

(1) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) No change.

(4) Lt Lee (*Howard M., pilot*), Operations Officer, left for U.S.; Lt. Sturges (*Cloral S., pilot*) appointed Operations Officer; Lt. Sturges left for U.S.; No new operations officer appointed. Capt. Sargent (*Alwin H., intelligence*), Intelligence Officer transferred to 86<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, 79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group; Lt Genovese (*Joseph, intelligence*) transferred from 86<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, 79<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group is now Intelligence Officer.

c Strength, commissioned and enlisted

(1) Month of July 1945

(a) 47 Officers assigned, 234 E.M. assigned.

(b) None

(c) 39 Officers; 167 Enlisted Men.

(d) 8 Officers; 67 Enlisted men.

d Stations of units or echelons

(1) Falconara Air Field, Falconara, Italy.

(a) April 8, 1945

(b) None.

e Movements of unit or echelons.

(1) None

f Campaigns

(1) None



**July 1945 (continued)**

**g** Operations  
(1) None

**h** Command Officers in important missions:  
(1) None

**i** Losses in action  
(1) None

**j** Personnel Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Combat:  
(1) None

**k** Number of photographs being submitted.  
(1) None.

2. Enclosed is Journal of Events, 448<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, for the period 1 July to 31 July 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH GENOVESE  
1<sup>ST</sup> Lieut., AC  
Squadron Historian.

1 Incls:

1 - Unit Journal of Events

## 1 thru 31 August 1945

**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary:** No Entry

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**HQ 321<sup>st</sup> BG War Diary: Additional Narrative for August 1945:**

M/GAS/win

MEDICAL HISTORY  
321<sup>ST</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
APO 650, US Army

3 August 1945

(Final Report for period 1 July 1945 to 3 August 1945. This group has been reduced to cadre size per SO 165, Hq 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing, 4 August 1945.)  
AUTH: Twelfth AF Message TWACT A-14

1. Present History.

a. The tactical situation.

(1). With Germany's surrender, the 321<sup>st</sup> was placed in Redeployment Class IV. Redeployment of personnel began and continued until the group was reduced to cadre size per SO 165, Hq 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing, dated 4 August 1945. AUTH: Twelfth AF Message TWACT A-14.

2. Administration.

a. (Roster of Medical Personnel, 1 July 1945, shown on page 1A)

(1). Many changes in personnel took place due to redeployment.

b. (Roster of Medical Personnel, 1 August 1945, shown on page 1B)

3. Environmental History.

a. There was no change in location during the period.

## August 1945 (continued)

### 4. Functional activities of the Medical Department.

a. During July the greatest part of the Medical equipment authorized by the Med. Equip. List, dated 25 March 1944, was returned to the Medical Supply Unit. On this date, all remaining equipment was turned in.

b. In spite of the return of most of the equipment, in redeployment, with its attendant paper work and the loss of Medical Personnel, the regular and routine functions of the Medical Department, as detailed in former histories, were scrupulously carried out, throughout the period.

c. The anti-malarial program was continued, as detailed in the preceding report. Very good results were obtained. The latest report from the malaria control unit, checking the immediate area, showed no larvae and no adult mosquitoes at any of their numerous checking points.

### **ROSTER OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL 321<sup>st</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M), APO 650, US Army, 1 July 1945.**

NAME	RANK	Headquarters		FLIGHT OF SURGEON	DUTY
		ASN	DATE		
Silver, George A.	Major	0-360264	3/6/44	Yes	Group Surgeon
McMechen, Charles R.	Capt	0-477528	1/23/43	No	Dental Surgeon
Jinnette, Allen J.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.	0-2002138	28/2/45	No	Administration

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Hagen, Walter F.	37041943	T/Sgt	673
Compson, Richard F.	35030664	T/Sgt	673
Meyer, Dale J.	37120183	Sgt	861
Porter, Harland G.	37145476	Sgt	861
Markel, Lawrence E.	36166754	Cpl	657
Robinson, Bernard V.	34262615	Cpl	409
Segal, Sol (NMI)	32177367	Cpl	067
Stagnitta, Salvatore (NMI)	32234666	Cpl	409
Weatherford, Leon H.	34098052	Cpl	657
Johnson, Eldon F.	36166113	Pfc	409
Lowrey, Newland (NMI)	35265797	Pfc	409
Maniotis, James (NMI)	32322971	Pfc	657

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**445<sup>th</sup> SQUADRON**

Smith, William C.	Capt	0-381441	9/30/42	Yes	Sq. Surgeon
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NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Nickell, John B.	39386261	S/Sgt	673

**446<sup>th</sup> SQUADRON**

NAME	RANK	ASN	DATE OF RANK	FLIGHT SURGEON	DUTY
Warren, Joseph E.	Capt	0-487220	9/27/43	Yes	Sq. Surgeon

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Ballway, John L.	15090268	S/Sgt	673
Doyle, Charles F.	36231995	Cpl	657
Kolesar, Michael F.	33135654	Cpl	409
Barritt, Wayne W.	36232177	Pfc	657

**447<sup>th</sup> SQUADRON**

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Rehfuss, Carlton L.	32185445	S/Sgt	673
Morton, James M.	17052589	S/Sgt	673
Korenich, Joseph B.	36232284	Cpl	657
O'Donnell, Lester D.	36232211	Pfc	657

**448<sup>th</sup> SQUADRON**

NAME	RANK	ASN	DATE OF RANK	FLIGHT SURGEON	DUTY
Marshall, Ulysses S.	Capt	0-492553	12/20/43	No	Sq. Surgeon

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Lind, Clarence F.	36318717	S/Sgt	673
Wade, Avery (NMI)	35254490	Pfc	657

GEORGE A. SILVER  
Major, Medical Corps,  
Group Surgeon.

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**ROSTER OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL 321<sup>st</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M),  
APO 650, US Army, 1 July 1945.**

<b>Headquarters</b>					
NAME	RANK	ASN	DATE OF RANK	FLIGHT SURGEON	DUTY
Silver, George A.	Major	0-360264	3/6/44	Yes	Group Surgeon
McMechen, Charles R.	Capt	0-477528	1/23/43	No	Dental Surgeon
Jinnette, Allen J.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.	0-2002138	28/2/45	No	Administration

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Hagen, Walter F.	37041943	T/Sgt	673
Porter, Harland G.	37145476	Sgt	861
Maniotis, James (NMI)	32322971	Pfc	657

**445<sup>th</sup> SQUADRON**

Smith, William C.	Capt	0-381441	9/30/42	Yes	Sq. Surgeon
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**446<sup>th</sup> SQUADRON**

NAME	RANK	ASN	DATE OF RANK	FLIGHT SURGEON	DUTY
Warren, Joseph E.	Capt	0-487220	9/27/43	Yes	Sq. Surgeon

**447<sup>th</sup> SQUADRON**

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Reh fuss, Carlton L.	32185445	S/Sgt	673

**448<sup>th</sup> SQUADRON**

None

GEORGE A. SILVER  
Major, Medical Corps,  
Group Surgeon.

d. Two cases of gonorrhoea were treated with penicillin. The venereal disease program, started in June has effectively reduced the rate in the group.

e. Recreational facilities, both beach clubs and rest camps, have been fully utilized, though redeployment has kept the number of men able to attend the rest camps low.

**August 1945 (continued)**

f. No epidemic of communicable disease occurred in this group during the period.

5. Statistical Data.

Statistical data shows little variation from other periods, and is omitted.

6. Special Items of Historical Value.

None.

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Major, Medical Corps,  
Group Surgeon.

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MEDICAL HISTORY  
321<sup>ST</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
Office of the Surgeon

APO 650, US Army  
6 August 1945

SUBJECT: Final Reports.

TO : The Surgeon, Hq. Twelfth Air Force, APO 650, US ARMY.

1. The following reports, submitted by this group to your office on the dates shown below should be considered the final report for this unit, since no essential change has taken place from the time these were submitted, to the time orders 4 August 1945, SO 165, Hq 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing, Auth: Twelfth AF Message TWACT A-14, to reduce this group to cadre size were received.

a. 27 July 1945.

Monthly Venereal Report  
MD #51, Sick & Wounded with ENT's.

b. 1 August 1945.

Sanitary Report.  
Essential Medical Data.  
86c Medical Department Personnel.

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c. 3 August 1945.

Care of Flier Report.

d. 4 August 1945.

86ab Weekly Statistical Health Report.

GEORGE A. SILVER  
Major, Medical Corps,  
Group Surgeon.

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MEDICAL HISTORY  
321<sup>ST</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
Office of the Surgeon

APO 650, US Army  
6 August 1945

SUBJECT: Final Dental Reports.

TO : The Surgeon, Hq. Twelfth Air Force, APO 650, US ARMY.

Attention: Dental Surgeon.

1. The Report of Dental Service, MD Form #57, submitted by this group to your office on 26 July 1945 should be considered final since no essential change has taken place from the time this report was submitted, to the time orders 4 August, SO 165, Hq 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing, Auth: Twelfth AF Message TWACT A-14, to reduce this group to cadre size were received.

CHARLES R. MCMECHEN,  
Captain, Dental Corps,  
Group Dental Surgeon

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HEADQUARTERS, AF STAGING AIRDROME #2, APO 528, US ARMY, 14  
September 1945.

TO: C.O., Keesler Field, Mississippi.

1. Records on file with this headquarters indicate that the 445<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq. is authorized Bronze Campaign Stars for the following:

Naples-Foggia—9 September 1943 - 21 January 1944

Rome-Arno—22 January 1944 - 9 September 1944

The above by ltr subject "Battle Participation Awards" file 200.6/040 PO, Hq  
MTOUSA dated 10 November 1944.

Southern France—15 August 1944-14 September 1944 per ltr subject "Battle  
Participation Awards" file AG 200.6/040 PO MTOUSA dated 30 December 1944.

North Apennines – 10 September 1944 – 4 April 1945

Po Valley – 5 April 1945 – 8 May 1945

The above by ltr subject "Battle Participation Awards" file AG 200.6/040  
POMTOUSA dated 6 July 1945.

2. Information concerning a GO awarding battle stars for ETO are not available.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

DONALD H. JAMES  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut., AC  
Asst. Adjutant





