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A. Original Unit
(See Outline History for original period)

B. Changes in Organization
Administrative and operational channels remain unchanged.

C. Stations
Pompei L/G, Italy, 5 January 1944 - .

D. Battles (Missions)

13 January 1944 : NW dispersal area of Guidonia A/D, Italy.
9 planes.
14 January 1944 : Bridge in and town of Pontecorvo, Italy.
9 planes.
15 January 1944 : M/Y at Foligno, Italy.
6 planes.
16 January 1944 : M/Y at Terni, Italy.
6 planes.
17 January 1944 : Chiaravalle, Italy.
6 planes.
18 January 1944 : Terni, Italy (Viaduct).
6 planes.
19 January 1944 : Rieti A/D, Italy.
6 planes.
20 January 1944 : Avezzano, Italy. Double track R.R. Viaduct at G277889.
6 planes.
21 January 1944 : Foligno, Italy. M/Y. Choke Points.
6 planes.
21 January 1944 : M/Y at Avezzano, Italy.
6 planes.
22 January 1944 : G169493. Road Junction.
6 planes.
23 January 1944 : R.R. Junction NW of Avezzano, Italy.
6 planes.
25 January 1944 : Valmontone, Italy. Road block.
6 planes.
27 January 1944 : R.R. Junction du e E of Artena, Italy.
5 planes.
27 January 1944 : M/Y at Orte, Italy.
6 planes.
28 January 1944 : M/Y SE of Orte, Italy. North choke point.
5 planes.
29 January 1944 : R.R. Bridge at S. Benedetto D Tronto (B9084), Italy.
6 planes.
30 January 1944 : Frascati, Italy. Road block.

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E. Marches (Diary)
From Foggia Satellite L/G No. 3 to Pompei L/G, 5 January 1944.

F. Campaigns
The 489th Bombardment Squadron (M), stationed on the mainland of Italy, continued at an increased tempo to bomb strat egic targets, completing a grand total of 18 missions by the end of the month, dropping 321,590 lbs of bombs on the target area.

G. Strength
At beginning of period : 277 Enlisted Men and 74 Officers.
At end of period : 280 Enlisted Men and 65 Officers.

H. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements
Captain Kaufmann, co-pilot in the following missions: Chiaravalle, Italy, 17 January;

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Rieti A/D, Italy, 19 January; M/Y at Avezzano, Italy, 21 January; R.R. Junction at Artena, Italy, 27 January.

I. Losses in Action
None.

J. Former ~~and~~ Present Members Who Have ~~Distinguished~~ ~~Themselves~~ in Action
2nd Lt. CHARLES A. HUTCHINSON, Purp le Heart, 7 January 1944.
2nd Lt. RAYMOND H. SCHMIDT, Purple Heart, 7 January 1944.
T/Sgt. GERALD K. WRIGHT, Purple Heart, 7 January 1944.
S/Sgt. WILLIAM R. CULVER, JR., Purple Heart, 7 January 1944.
1st Lt. FRED W. DYER, Purple Heart, 15 January 1944.

JACK A. CASPER
1st Lt., Air Corps
Assistant S-2 Officer.

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[illegible] "Avengers" Commander

Col. Charles D. Jones of Jackson, Miss., is now commanding the "Avengers" Group. The new Mitchell group commander came overseas in October, 1942, as assistant A-3 under Maj. Gen. (then Brig. Gen.) John K. Can non. Following this and another short command assignment under Gen. Cannon, he was selected to set up a fighter training school in French Morocco, where combat-bound A merican fighter pilots and maintainence personnel could be given a final "front line" training.

For nine months Col. Jones operated his school and also found time to train French flying personnel. Under his guidance the Fighter Training Center became a vital factor in the winning of Allied air supremacy in the Mediterranean area.

Assuming command of this Group on 8 January 1944, Col. Jones brings with him a wealth of experience, which extends back to 1 July 1935, when he received his wings and commission.

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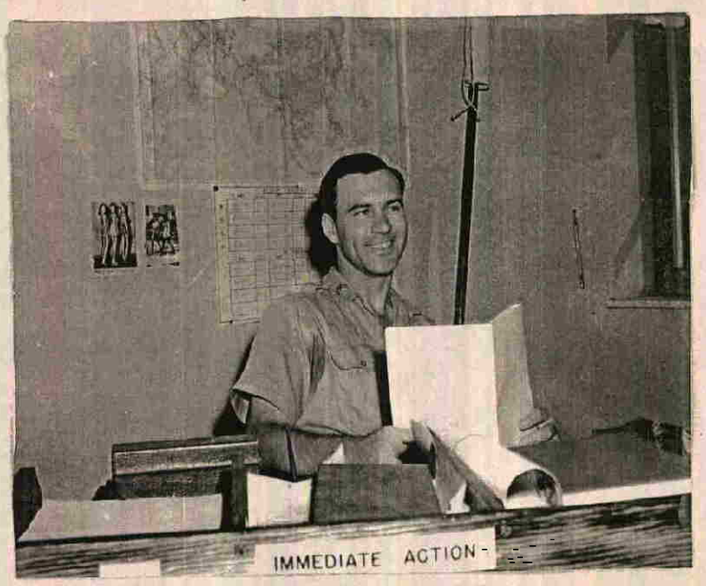

Former Commanding Officer

Col. Tokaz, who is married to Mrs. Frances E. Tokaz of Saluda, S.C., was commisioned 2nd Lt. in the Cavalry reserve in 1936. Enlisting as a flying cadet in June 1936, he won his wings a year later and was a ssigned to the Third Observation Squadron, Langley Field, Va. Following assignments in Baltimore and Tallahassee, he was assigned to 340th Bombardment Group (M) in August 1942. Appointed Operations Officer, he succeeded to the command of the organization when the first Commanding Officer, Col. William C. Mills, was killed in action May 6, 1943 in Tunisia. Recently he has been succeeded by Col. Charles D. Jones.

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Commanding Officer
from
1 January to 28 January

As Operations Officer or Commanding Off icer, Capt. Leonard Kaufmann, Jr. is very well qualified. For most of January he served in this latter capacity, carrying out his new duties in the same quiet but thorough manner which has become so characteristic of him as Operations Officer. Of Swiss origin his work is always performed with clock-like efficiency.

Among the first flying personnel to be assigned to the squadron, he acted as Assistant Operations Officer during our training periods at Columbia and Walterboro, S.C. At El Kabrit he went to Group Operations, serving there as Assistant Operations Officer. On 26 April he became Operations Officer of the squadron, filling the vacancy caused by the unfortunate accident which killed Lt. D eel.

Decorated with the Air Medal and five clusters, Capt. Kaufmann has been doing his share of carrying the war to the enemy.

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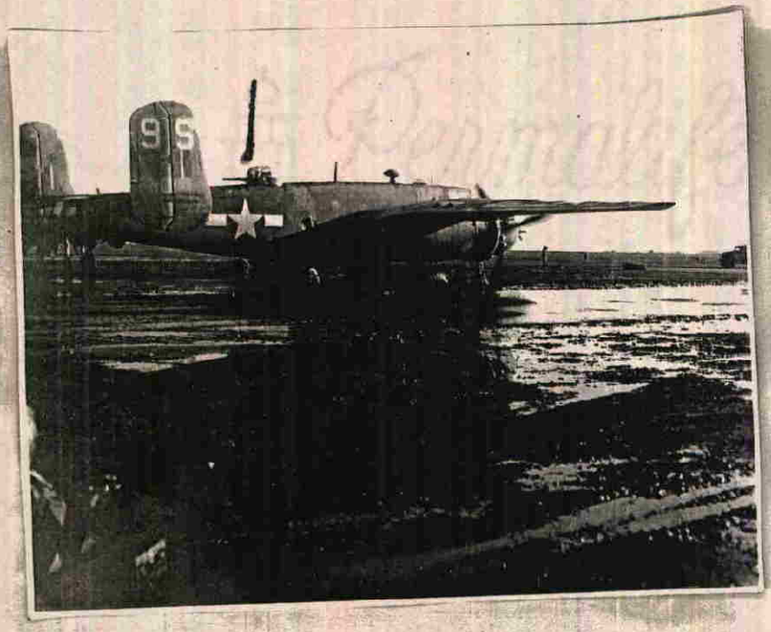
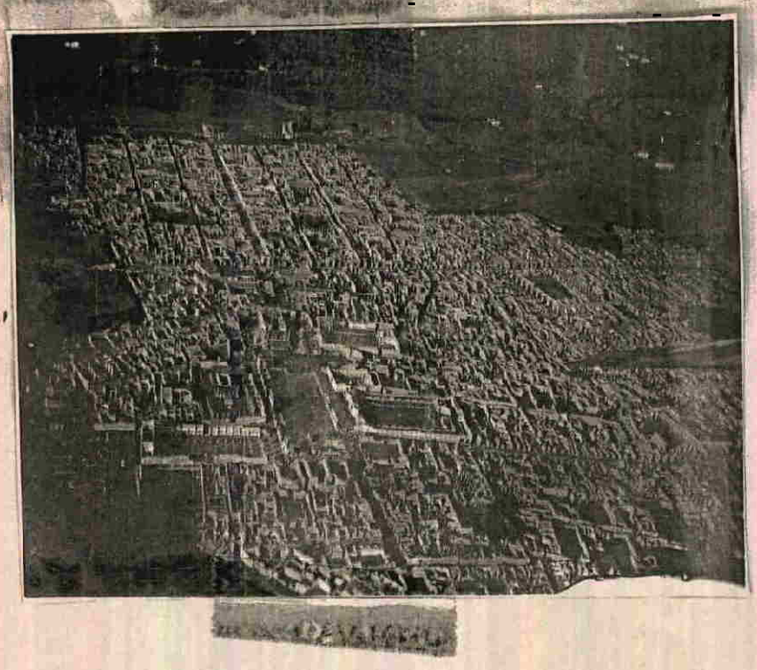


High winds - drenching rain - clinging mud - penetrating cold - these combined to make most welcome our -

"Farewell to Foggia"



Home is where we set up our cots and place our luggage. To our new home we say -

"Hello Pompei"

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Bombing Through Clouds

Flying high over a blanket of clouds, the Avengers carry the fight to the enemy. Here we see two of our Mitchells unloading 1000 pounders in the immediate vicinity of Valmontone, Italy. There is no respite for a dangerous foe.

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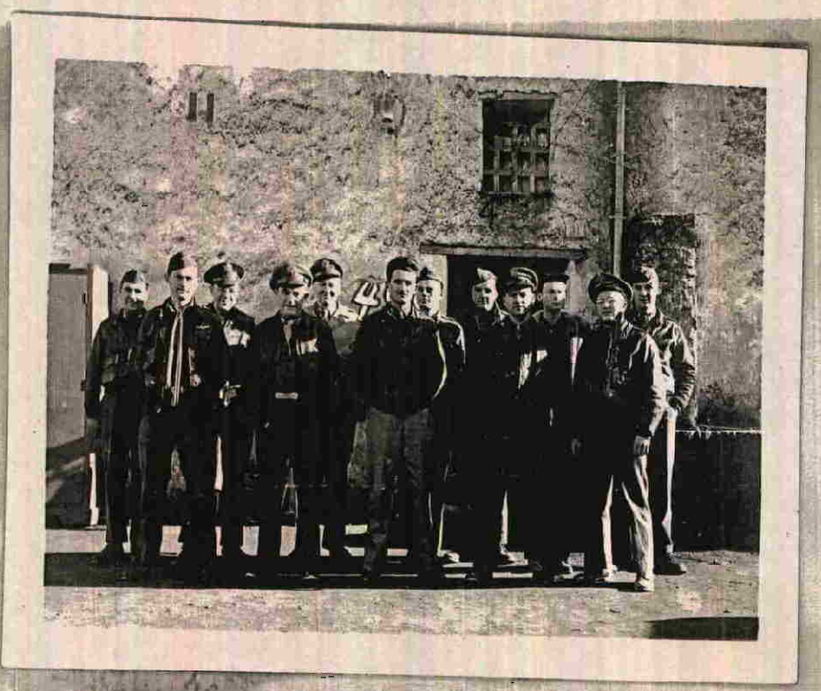

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