

## 379<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron

### History for the month of August 1944

#### Section I...Outline of Month's Activities

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The month of August will rank as one of the most active and profitable in the History of the 379<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron. Our targets were located in both Northern Italy and Southern France, and the record for efficiency and accuracy was, on the whole, very high. There was much personal satisfaction for all personnel, both combat and ground, in the realization that we are in on the grand climax of the War in Europe. D-Day for the invasion of Southern France was on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, and that day found every one of us at our assigned tasks, keenly aware of the great importance of the day's missions. Gun positions on the coast of France were blasted, thus aiding the initial landings of Allied forces.

And now, with the month ended, we have witnessed the Allied Armies over-running France, and Paris has been liberated. But one final goal remains...the all-out attack on the fortress of Germany itself. Our boys are looking forward to this vital assignment!

Many of our deserving combat men received awards during the month. Our Wing commander, Brigadier General Knapp, was on hand to present Air Medals, Clusters, and Distinguished Flying Crosses personally to the men. He Praised the daring courage and extreme devotion to duty displayed by our combat boys.

Recreation activities were the same brand and usual...American films and stage performances. Softball games were played on our ball diamond. A certain quota of men were sent to rest camps at Corte, Capri, and Rome.

The food was generally good, with no one offering any complaints about the fried chicken, served several times during the month. Fresh vegetables, bought by our mess fund, added to the tastiness of the meals.

We all know that our stay in Corsica is about over. For six hectic months, we have fought the enemy and pushed him back to his own backyard. The success of our attacks has been gratifying, and in recollection of our sojourn on the little island of Corsica, we shall always have pleasant memories of one of our best Bases. Ghisonaccia may be hard to pronounce, but it is easy to remember!

So we go into another month overseas with our heads held high in anticipation of the long-awaited Victory!



*Figure 1: Ghisonaccia Gare, Corsica*

## Section II... Squadron Diary

1 The month of August was a busy one, both from an operational and Social point of view.

T/Sgt. Francis J. Beane returned from DS [*Detached Service*] at the Flying Control School, Heliopolis, Egypt.

The movie was “Rosie the Riveter,” a not-too-good flag-waving picture. The aerial show put on by a B-25 engulfed in the glare of searchlights over the theatre area was much more interesting to the “theatre patrons!”

The Red Cross Service Club served cake with a choice of hot coffee or cold chocolate...price 5 francs.

The day’s mission was a brilliant success, with Capt. Everett L. Tozier leading the formation of 18 ships over Vigone, Italy. One enemy bridge is missing!

The card and dice games which generally crop up after payday, continue at a fast pace.

2 Sgts. Walden, Wilkins, and Katz returned from DS XII Air Force Medical Disposition Board, at Naples.

Cpl. Lee W. Kirkpatrick joined us from the 321<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group.

Those returning from the Rome rest camp were: Major Hughes, Sgt. Scanlon, Pfc Carroll, and Pfc Rumancek.

Those going to the Rome rest camp included: Lts. Humphrey, Satler, Ritchey, First Sgt. White, and Sgts. Johnson, Conner, Hennessy, Waldron, and Stay.

A Group formation was held on the Base, and Air Medals were presented to our combat crews. Present at the ceremony were Brig. Gen. Robert D. Knapp, 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing Commander, and Col. Anthony G. Hunter, Group Commander. (A list of those receiving medals will be found in the Awards and Decorations Section of this History.)

“The Goons” defeated the 1<sup>st</sup> Service Squadron in a softball game 3 to 1.

No mission.

3 Movie: “Gaslight.” There were excellent performances by Ingrid Bergman and Charles Boyer in this stark psychological drama.

No mission.



4        2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. David M. Cohen was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.

Sgts. Walden and Wilkins were assigned to the Personnel Center No. 6 PBS, for trans-shipment to the U.S. S/Sgt. William C. Mahon was transferred on rotation to the Personnel Center No. 6 for trans-shipment to the U.S.

The following Flight Officers were promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lts.: Dillon, Gordon, Leger, and Lloyd.

No mission.

In the evening, there was a softball game between “The Goons,” Sgt. Tischler’s enlisted men’s team, and the “Oldtimers,” Major Houk’s Officer’s team. Capt Tozier pitched a fine game and Maj. Houk’s home-run was a highlight of the game, but “The Goons” rallied long enough to come out ahead 10 to 6.

The Group Public Relations bulletin board is a center of attraction lately, due to the photos and articles posted on personnel of our squadron. Men on the line especially have been written up, and it is said that many of the articles will be published in each man’s hometown newspaper.

5        Those leaving for the Capri rest camp included: Lts. King, Leger, Lloyd, Sgts. Murry, Karraker, Salinger, and Cpl. Thalrose.

Those going to Rome were: Sgts. Jackson, Davis, and Tynan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lts. William H. Poole, Wilton D Soerens, and Walter S. Stoker, and Sgt. Donald A. Simpson were assigned to the 379<sup>th</sup>. Others assigned included: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William R. Shelton, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. George S. Watts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Alexander McStea, Sgt. Boyce C. Foreman, Sgt. Stanley E. Naszeyzniec, Cpl. Arnold D. Stachowski, Pfc Joseph M. Zielinski, Pvt. Laddie Rysavy, and Pvt. George H. Stevenson.

Those returning from Rome were: Lts. Humphrey, Satler and Ritchey, and First Sgt. White, and Sgts. Johnson, Conner, Hennessy, Waldron, and Stay.

Those returning from Capri were: 1<sup>st</sup> Lts. Gray, Stinson, Murphy, and Sgts. Boring, Gabys, and Wright.

No mission. It was canceled because of rainy weather.

Movie: “Lady in the Dark,” adapted from the Broadway stage hit. Most of the boys enjoyed this psychological comedy in technicolor.

P.X. rations were sold today, with three cans of beer for each enlisted man. There was the usual line of candy, tobacco and toilet articles on sale.

“The Goons” lost to “The Wheels” by a score of 2 to 1, with the winning run being made in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning.

6        Twelve of our ships took part in the first group mission against a target in France. The bridge at Avignon was hit.



Fried chicken for dinner; a great treat. With fresh potatoes too!

On today's mission, the formation was attacked by three enemy fighters, the first time in a long while that our planes had encountered aerial opposition. However, the enemy fighters made only a few ineffective passes.

Several War correspondents listened in on the interrogation after the second mission of the day returned from bombing a road bridge at Nice, in southern France.

7 Sgt. Rubin Bloom returned from DS to the XII Air Force Medical Disposition Board.

The mission was to the Avignon railroad bridge again, and this time it was completely knocked out. Major Allison narrowly escaped serious injury when a piece of flak just scraped along his back. His courageous participation in some of the roughest missions pulled by the 379<sup>th</sup> has been an inspiration to the entire personnel of the organization.



*Figure 2: Maj.  
R.B. Allison*



*Figure 3: Avignon RR Bridge August 7, 1944*

Turkey for dinner! What is this overseas life coming to? 18 months ago it was spam, corned beef and hard biscuits. Now it is fresh meat and vegetables, fresh bread and butter and good coffee --- a tribute to our efficient Services of Supply (and our Squadron cooks!)

The softball game between “The Goons” and the team of the 315<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron was won by our boys --- 9 to 5.

8 Those leaving from the Rome Rest Camp were: Cpts. Canale, Conway, and Plummer, Sgts. Barber, Nelson, Betticord, Sullivan, and Cpl. Schembs.

Returning from Rome were: Sgts. Jackson, Davis, and Tynan.

An explosion in the evening turned all eyes to our landing field, where flames and a column of black smoke were clearly visible. A P-47 had come in for a landing, with a 500 lb. Bomb under one wing, and not realizing that his wheels had failed to come down, he came in on his “belly,” and the explosion followed. The pilot was killed and the plane completely destroyed.

No mission.

Two popular members of the Group Intelligence Section left for the States: Capt. Samuel A. Wilson and Capt. Thomas P. O’Brien. We hope we won’t be too far behind them in the trip back home!

Movie: “Hers to Hold,” with Deanna Durbin, in which the gal sang some delightful numbers.

The heavy weight champ, Joe Louis, is reported to be in the area to put on an exhibition bout for the 41<sup>st</sup> Engineers, a colored outfit near our Base.

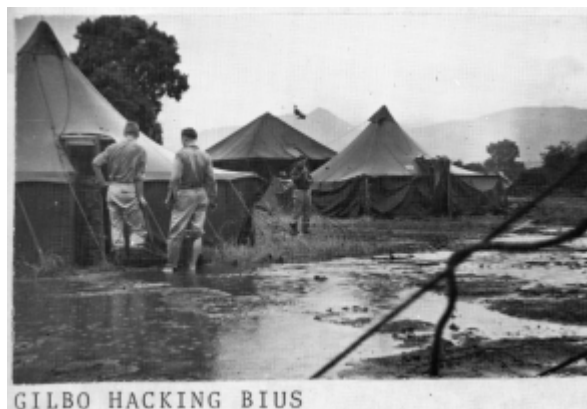
9 Cpl. Adolph A. Gross and Cpl. Rubin Tusher were promoted to Sergeant.

Newly assigned personnel included: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Louis D. Starr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Donald H. Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Alex Skalaban, and Pvt. Robert W. Jamison.

A heavy rainfall poured down today and scarcely a single tent escaped a flooded floor! Our slit trenches were filled to the brim and we were hoping against an air raid!

Transports and P-38’s landed on our field, heralding the arrival of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group, old acquaintances of ours, since they had flown with us on missions as escorts back in Berteaux, Algeria.

No mission.



10 Capt. John G. Persson, on DS, Naples, Italy was transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> Replacement Depot for trans-shipment to U.S.

The rainstorm continued and tents were slightly flooded again. The boys worked furiously between raindrops to enlarge the drainage canals around their tents.

Archbishop Spellman, of the New York diocese, was in the area late in the afternoon and said mass for the Catholic boys.

Immunization “shots” were given in the Squadron Dispensary.

Our gas masks and guns were inspected today.

Packages, papers, and magazines came in the mail, with a noticeable uplift in morale.



*Figure 4: Col. Anthony Hunter with Archbishop Spellman.  
Corsica 1944*

No mission.

11 The following men returned from Rome: Capts. Canale, Conway, and Plummer, and Sgts. Barber, Nelson, Petticord, Sullivan, and Cpl. Schembs.

Sgts. Cantrell, Bennick, and Sullivan left for the Rome rest camp.

Cpl. Roy L. Dolle and Sgt. Eugene W. Seabolt were assigned; also S/Sgt. Victor J. Florence, Cpl. Lewis A. Holloway, Cpl. Michael R. Zamponi, Cpl. Vincent F. Mattola, Cpl. Leroy A. Comer, Pvt. Victor S. Cserer, T/Sgt. John A. Potensky, S/Sgt. Harvey A Brown, and S/Sgt. Harold Specht.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Truman R. Coble returned to duty from DS at the RAF Flying Control School at Heliopolis, Egypt.

P.X. rations were sold again and included three cans of beer, our weekly ration.

Twelve of our planes hit the Frejus Gun Positions in France.

12 Heavy formations of B-24's passed high over the Base today on their way to bomb enemy targets in France. Looks like the Germans will take a beating today, what with our own Squadron out to bomb gun positions at Cape Negro.

Movie: "A Guy Named Joe," an excellent portrayal of the inner feelings of a gallant pilot in action and an imaginative picturization of his activities after death. Spencer Tracey rates tops in acting. B-25's figured in the film, which was of special interest to our own boys.



13 The following men were transferred in grade to the 7<sup>th</sup> Replacement Depot: M/Sgt. Bryant B. Barron, T/Sgt. James O. Nichols, T/Sgt. Curtis H. Willard, T/Sgt. Morris P. Knox, S/Sgt. Marvel E. Albright, S/Sgt. Frank C. Coats, Jr., S/Sgt. Albert R. Hill, S/Sgt. Alfred E. Zuk, Sgt. Samuel H. Atwood, Sgt. Hahlon H. Maxton, Sgt. Joseph P. Nieglos, Cpl. Franklin M. Dooling, Cpl William V. Harrold, Cpl. Fern R. Schembs, Pfc William M. Gonzalez, Pfc Murray G. Davenport, Pvt. Herbert E. Carlisle, and Pvt. James Schopf.

Men returning from Capri were: Lts. King, Leger, Lloyd, T/Sgt. Murray, S/Sgts. Gorsuch and Karraker, Sgt. Salinger, and Cpl. Thalrose.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lts. William G. Davidson, Ralph H. Keller, Robert H. Reddick, and Paul E. Rova were promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.

Weather report for today: HOT! Now we know what the natives meant when we first came to Corsica and they told us that summer heat in Corsica is notoriously torrid!

The news from France is encouraging. Looks like the big push is finally underway. The password is: "On to Paris!"

Today's mission was against gun positions at Ciotat, France. Crews reported excellent results.

14 Sgts. Cantrell, Bennick, and Sullivan returned from Rome.

S/Sgt. Joseph P. Shockley, Jr. went on DS to the XII AF Medical Disposition Board.

Those leaving for Cairo rest camp were: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. McKanna, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Gray, T/Sgt. Dubester, S/Sgt. Lane, and S/Sgt. Smith.

This was a hot day again. But we do not mind it too much, as long as we have our cold-water creek to swim in.

Our ships bombed gun positions at St. Tropez, France.

15 Pvt Arnold F. Bailey, ab sk, trfd to Det of Pnts, 17 Gen Hosp (US) APO 422. A great day for the entire personnel of the Squadron. The invasion of Southern France began early in the morning and the full efforts of our crews were called upon to blast the French coastline. Results were excellent, and we were gratified to learn that landing operations took place on schedule, with very weak opposition being encountered.

16 Lt. Quentin McGaughran, Dy [Duty] to DS [Detached Service], Hq & Hq Sq., 57<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing.

The great drive in Southern France continues. Our planes were out again to blast a bridge in France.

A number of new pilots arrived from the States. It took a lot of explaining to make them understand that we do not have clean white sheets to put on our beds!

17 Cpl. Joseph Becker was promoted to Sergeant.

Movie: "Crazy House," an insane comedy with Olsen & Johnson.

No mission because of adverse weather conditions.

18 P.X. rations were sold today. We drew rations for two weeks, which included beer and "cokes."

Mission in the morning resulted in one enemy-used bridge destroyed.

Rainy weather in the P.M. and all quiet on the Corsican Front!

19 S/Sgt. William E. McAuliffe was transferred to the Det of Pnts, 45<sup>th</sup> Gen Hosp (U.S.) [*French Morocco*].



T/Sgt. Volney B. Ferguson was promoted to the rank of M/Sgt.

S/Sgt. Edward S. Davis, Sgt. Ivan M Beard, Sgt. Charles W. Hickman, and Sgt. Dewi E. Petticord were promoted to the grade of T/Sgt.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Walter Bombeck, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Theodore L. Foreman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Quentin G. Hand, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Robert H. Lloyd were aptd to 1<sup>st</sup> Lts.

Mission was to the viaduct at Chamborigaud, France. Our Squadron's crews encountered no flak, but in the distance they could see the 380<sup>th</sup> formation catching Hell!

Chicken for dinner.

Movie in the evening. After many false starts and trouble with the sound system, the movie started very late, after many of the boys left the show in disgust. The film was a Joe E. Brown comedy.

The "Oldtimers" were defeated in a softball game by the combat enlisted men, 6 to 1.

20 Those going to Rome included: Major Houk, Lt. Cohen, Lt. Yarndley, Lt. Lloyd, T/Sgt. Scott, S/Sgt. Davis, S/Sgt. Kunshier, S/Sgt. Plunkett, Cpl, Winten, and Pfc Patterson.

S/Sgt. Joseph P. Shockley Jr., DS, XII AF Medical Disposition Board, to Duty.

Cpl. Paul F. DeLau was trfd in grade to Hq., 310<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Lt. Francis H. Harrison was taken to the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital [*Ghisonaccia*]. He was wounded in action while on the day's bombing mission to Valence A/D [*Aerodrome*], in France. He received a flak wound in the leg.

21 The following men were transferred to Replacement Depot No. 7, for trans-shipment to the U.S.: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Edwin W. Andrews, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John A Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ralph Buis, Jr., T/Sgt. Paul R. Lefstad, S/Sgt. Walter T. Chelonis, S/Sgt. Matthew K. Thomas.

The crushing defeat and chaotic retreat of the German 7<sup>th</sup> Army in France, and the Allied approach to Paris are uppermost in our minds today. Rome was the first enemy-held capital to fall. Paris will be next!

Personnel of the Group were again advised to take necessary precautions against malaria, due to the prevalence of the malaria-carrying mosquito in this vicinity.

Our ships hit the railroad bridge at Polesella, Italy. No flak or fighters were encountered.

22 New assigned personnel included: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Frank G. Uerling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Henry F. Hassmer, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Eugene N. Remes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Paul E. Sizemore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Floyd V. Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Joseph E Rademacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Glen L. Rhodes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Wesley W. Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Wilbur W. West.

Pvt. Edmund P. Donahue was trfd to Det of Pnts, 21<sup>st</sup> Gen. Hosp. (U.S.) [*France*]

Lt. Carl E. Rinehart returned to duty from the Flying Control School, Heliopolis, Egypt.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Walter J. Rath, returned to duty from a furlough in the United States.

Pvt. Howard Baumgartner was assigned from the 380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron.

Six of our ships went on a nickeling mission.

23 Three enlisted men left for the Rome rest camp: M/Sgt. Martin Benoff, Sgt. Albert Sulman, Sgt. John W. English.

Those returning were: Maj. Houk, Lts Cohen, Yarndley, Lloyd, Sgts. Scott, Davis, Kunshier, Plunkett, Cpl. Winten and Pfc Patterson.

The following returned from Cairo: Lts. McKanna, Robinson, Gray, and Sgts. Dubester, Lane, and Smith.

Twelve ships hit Givora, France; the second mission consisted of nine of our planes, which hit the road bridge at Susa, France.

24 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Gaylon A Woods was transferred to 381<sup>st</sup> Bomb Squadron.

The following personnel were assigned to the 379<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. John M. Ford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Frank E. Sullivan, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Charles D. Long, S/Sgt. Rupert R. Harrell, Cpl. Raymond E. Forsyth, Cpl. John T. Greenfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Walter E. Harrington.

No mission.

A softball game between "The Goons" and "The Scavengers," with the former winning... 4 to 0.

The big news today is the liberation of Paris, which came more quickly than any of us dared to hope for. If Paris is ours, can Berlin be far behind?

25 Usual field duties today. No mission.

ENSA put on an entertaining stage show. [ENSA: *British equivalent of USO*] Four girls and a man had a lively routine, and the boys enjoyed it all. The performers spent some time in the 379<sup>th</sup> Officers Club before and after the show.

26 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Harry E. Vanderbank, S/Sgt. Laverne L. Fulwider, and S/Sgt. Michael J. Meno were transferred to Replacement Depot No. 7. Also S/Sgt. Joseph P. Shockley, Jr.

M/Sgt. Benoff, and Sgts. English and Sulman returned from their sojourn to Rome.

Those going to Rome included: Capt. Neubauer, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Hand, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Dillon, T/Sgt. James, S/Sgt. Taylor, S/Sgt. Hover, Sgt. Awve, Cpl. Brickner, and Pfc Brown.

Movie: "Sahara," with the hard-boiled egg Humphrey Bogart. A good film.

"The Goons" defeated "The Oldtimers" in a softball game... 1 to 0.

Six aircraft went on a mission to bomb the railroad bridge at Culoz, France, but no bombs were dropped due to cloud coverage and weather conditions.



27 In expectation of a Group movement in the not-too-distant future, the various Section Heads were given instructions on preparing to move. Shipping boxes are to be marked and we are to be in a state of readiness to move on 24 hours notice.

Today's mission was the bombing of gun positions on Ile Pomegues, France.

28 The following men were promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lts. Barnes, Bartolo, Gilbo, Haneman, King, Porter, and Ritchey.

A formation was held today to present combat awards to our flying personnel. The awards were again presented by Brig. Gen. Knapp and Col. Hunter. (A list of those receiving the medals will be found in the Awards and Decorations Section.)

No mission.

29 Those returning from Rome were: Capt Neubauer, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Hand, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Dillon, T/Sgt. James, S/Sgt. Taylor, S/Sgt. Hover, Sgt. Awve, Cpl. Rickner, Pfc Brown.

Sgt. Bernard R. Murry, Sgt. David R. Rash, and Pfc Roy W. Lack went to the Rome rest camp.

No mission.

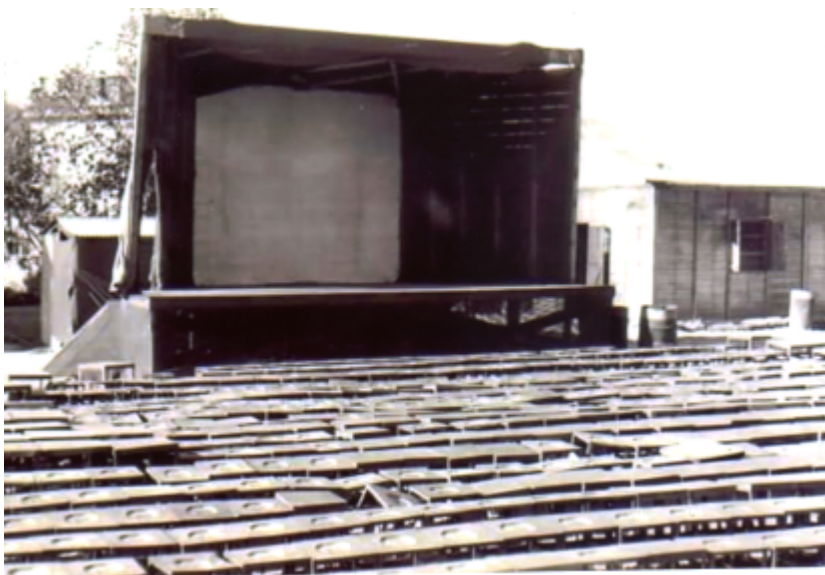
No movie. The machine broke down, so no show.

30 New First Lieutenants were: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lts. Haislip, Hocknell, Marcy, McCafferty, Schell, and Temple.

S/Sgt. John F. Muller was trfd to Replacement Depot No. 7, for trans-shipment to the U.S.

Sgt. Joseph H. Katz was trfd in grade to 350<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group.

No mission, with the usual Field duties.



*Figure 5: Movie screen and Stage at 310th BG HQ*

Another softball game, with “The Goons” and the “Old Timers” at it again. The former won: 2 to 0.

31 Payday, with the usual games of chance in progress. As if to celebrate paypay, we had chicken for dinner and fresh meat for supper!

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At the end of August 1944, there were:

118 Officers, Assigned and Attached.

354 Enlisted Men, Assigned and Attached

So ended another month in Corsica. Our Last?

We wonder.

Meanwhile our work goes on. The fast victories in August in Europe were heartening, but we do not intend to relax our efforts until the last shot is fired!

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### Section III....

#### Mission Rosters and Mission Reports

*[See the original diary for Rosters and Reports]*

Total Sorties:	246
Total forward	2340
Grand Total	2586

Total Missions	24
Total forward	334
Grand Total	358

#### Section IV... Casualties

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Francis H Harrison was wounded in action on August 20, over the Valence A/D, France

## Section VI.....

### Awards and Decorations

#### Air Medal



#### Air Medals awarded at Group Formation 2 August, 1944:

Edwin W. Andrews	Francis J Beane
Terrence C Bogue	John C Bravo
Walter Bombeck, Jr	Ralph Buis
Walter T Chelonis	Charles E Crider
Nelson N Cushing	Raynold C Dorman
Herbert K Eickhoff	Laverne L Fulwider
John A Larson	Paul R Lefstad
Robrt H Lloyd	James F Mechler
John F Muller	Patrick F O'Toole
Joseph S Rambo, Jr	Charles B Robinson
Joseph P Shockley	Everett B Sherwood
Charles G Stowe	Matthew K Thomas
Harry E Vanderbank	Theodore R Werner
Wayne D Witcomb	Donald G Wolford

#### Air Medals awarded at Group Formation 28 August, 1944:

Ralph Adams	Fred D Andrews
Rubin Bloom	John S Cadwallader
Truman R Coble	Marvin F Creamer
Raymond J Davilla	Samuel Dubester
Theodore L Foreman	Lawrence A Fox
Joseph Gianforte	Charles T Gilbo
Joseph B Glydon	James T Gordon
John A Gorsuch	Anzie B Graham
Lloyd D Gray	Thomas Gray Jr
LaVerle T Hacking	Robert A Haislip, Jr
Vincent S Haneman, Jr	Eugene T Haskins
Stanley G Helmsdorff	John J Hennessy
Eli Jaffe	Dennis O Karraker
Joseph H Katz	Francis L Kennedy
Richard C King	Arnold Kolks
Roy E Lane	Earl A Leger
Robert M Lloyd	Joseph F Longo Jr
Francis B McGrath	Ellis J McKanna
John R McNally	Robert C Miller

Constantine Mitchell  
Lyman A Murray  
Robert H Porter  
Robert H Reddick  
Roger G Ritchey  
Paul E Rova  
Claiborne E Shackelford  
Paul Stinson  
Sylvester J Tomporowski  
Harry C Waller

Bernard J Mlsna  
Chester L Murphy  
Willia, M Porter  
Carl E Rinehart  
Frederick W Ritter, Jr  
Alexander E Satler  
Thomas M Smith  
Frank J Szarban  
Paul Vezey

Additional Air Medal awards:

George W Strahlem  
James R McDougal  
Ferrell E Myers (Poshumous)  
Laverle T Hacking  
Dugene T Haskins  
Staley G Helmsdorff  
Ellis J McKanna  
Nelson N Chshing  
Charles T Gilbo  
Thomas Gray, Jr  
Robert A Haislip, Jr  
Quentin G Hand  
Vincent S Haneman, Jr  
Richard C King  
Robert H Proter  
Roger G Ritchey  
Paul E Rova  
Alexander E Satler  
James T Gordon  
Earl A Leger  
Robert M Lloyd  
Samuel Dubester

John A Gorsuch  
Arnold Kolks  
William E McAuliffe  
Lyman A Murray  
Carl S Raisig  
Harry C Waller  
Fred D Andrews  
John Arvan  
Joseph B Glydon  
Marvin F Creamer  
Andrew J Hover  
Joseph H Katz  
Francis L Kennedy  
Roy E Lane  
Francis B McGrath  
Claiborne E Shackelford  
Thomas H Smith  
Frank J Szarban  
Edwin W Andrews  
John S Cadwallader  
Reynolds C Dorman  
John A Johnson

James F Mechler  
Paul Stinson  
Theodore L Foreman  
Robert C Miller  
Everett B Sherwood  
Theodore R Werner  
Raymond J Davilla  
William M Porter, Jr  
Lloyd D Gray  
Chester L Murphy  
Robert H Reddick  
Sylvester J Tomporowski  
Ralph Buis, Jr  
William G Spackey  
Lawrence A Fox  
Richard E Crane  
John A Johnson  
Harry E Vanderbank  
Matthew K Thomas

Additional Air Medal awards August 21:

Bert Rasimas  
John R McNally  
Rubin Bloom  
Dennis O Karraker  
Robert L Taylor  
Laverne T Hacking  
Francis H Harrison  
Eugene T Gaskins  
Daniel Howlett  
Ellis J McKanna  
Constantine Mitchell

Charles T Gilbo  
Thomas Gray, Jr  
Robert Haislip, Jr  
Quentin G Hand  
Vincent S Haneman, Jr  
Richard C King  
Robert H Lloyd  
Paul E Rova  
James T Gordon  
Earl Leger  
Robert Lloyd

Carl S Raisig  
Harry C Waller  
Andre J Hover  
Francis L Kennedy  
Claiborne E Shackelford  
Edwin W Andrews  
John S Cadwallader  
Reynold C Dorman  
Quentin McGaughan  
James F Mechler  
Ralph Adams

Bert Rasimas  
Frederick W Ritter, Jr  
Charles B Robinson  
Alexander E Satler  
Walter Bombeck, Jr  
Nelson N Cushing

Anzie B Graham  
Samuel Dubester  
Herbert K Eickhoff  
Arnold Kolks  
John F Muller  
Lyman A Murry

Carl R Brooke  
Walter Chelonis  
Robert L James  
Patrick F O'Toole  
Everett B Sherwood  
Raymond J Davilla  
William M Porter, Jr

Additional Air Medal awards August 30:

Robert H Porter  
Marvin F Creamer  
Joseph B Glydon  
John A Gorsuch  
John J Hennessy  
William E McAuliffe  
Frank J Szarban  
Fred D Andrews  
Roy E Lane  
Thomas H Smith  
Laverne L Fulwider  
Wilson O Barnes  
William Bartolo  
William G Davidson  
Albert F Hocknell, Jr  
Ralph H Keller  
Phillip P Marcy  
Finis G Schell  
Everett A Britton  
William E Conner  
Ira T Finley, Jr  
Steve Gaich  
Mathew J Greenfield  
Lawrence J Le Boeuf  
Roy L Mincy

Josiph S Pruitt  
Everett J Waldron  
Lyle E Zachry  
Joseph S Rambo, Jr  
Charles G Stowe  
Roger G Ritchey  
Sylvester J Tomporowski  
Eli Jaffe  
George C Rogers  
Joseph Gianforte  
John A Larson  
Robert L Taylor  
Ralph Buis  
Leverne T Hacking  
Francis H Harrison  
Eugene T Haskins  
Robert C Miller  
Frederick W Ritter, Jr  
Alexander E Satler  
Paul Stinson  
Nelson N Cushing  
Charles T Gilbo  
James T Gordon  
Thomas Gray, Jr  
Robert A Haislip, Jr

Quentin G Hand  
Vincent S Haneman, Jr  
Robert H Porter  
Paul E Rova  
Anzie B Grahm  
Carl S Raisig  
Charles E Crider  
Herbert K Eickhoff  
Joseph B Glydon  
John J Hennessy  
Andre J Hover  
Arnold Kolks  
Michael J Meno  
Frank J Szarban  
John S Cadwallader  
Reynold C Doran  
James Mechler  
Carl R Brooke  
Raymond J Davilla  
Robert L James  
Patrick F O'Toole  
Everett B Sherwood

Soldier's Medal



Nelson N Cushing  
Andrew J Hover

## Distinguished Flying Cross



DFC's awarded at Group Formation 28 August, 1944:

Manford J Wetzel  
Everett L Tozier  
Charles G Stowe  
Paul Stinson  
William J Schneider

Thomas F Conway  
Truman R Coble  
John S Cadwallader

Additional DFC awards:

John A Johnson  
Edwin W Andrews  
Ralph Buis, Jr  
Ernest J Kulik  
Joseph S Rambo, Jr  
Harry E Vanderbank  
Thomas F Conway  
John G Persson



*Figure 6: Thomas F Conway*

## Bronze Star



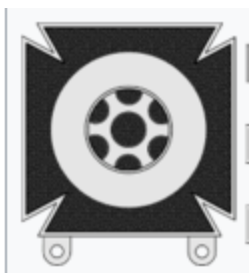
Joseph E. Sellers (Posthumous)  
Clarence D Sprinkle  
Harold F Matousek  
James W McPherson

## Purple Heart



Lawrence A Fox  
Joseph H Katz  
Sylvester J Tomporowski

## Motor Vehicle Driver Badge



Earnest W Dabel  
George C Parris  
Carl A Grant



*Figure 7: An Award Ceremony*