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EIGHTH AIR FORCE
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
96th COMBAT BOMB WING
467th BOMBARDMENT GROUP
790th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

DATE: 10 APRIL 1944 to 30 APRIL 1944

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10 April 1944 to 29 April 1944

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Lt. Campbell (4)	Lt. Johnson (6)
Lt. Thompson (5)	Lt. Beane (7)
Lt. Dickinson (6)	Lt. Siebern (4)
Lt. Skinner (2)	Lt. Reed (6)
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720TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

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HISTORY OF THE
790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (B)
1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944

The period 1 May - 31 May 1944 marked the first full month of operations for the 790th Bombardment Squadron in the ETO. During that time we flew 19 missions with 145 sorties. The bombing results ranged from "poor" to "excellent", with 12 "good" or better.

The squadron lost one plane, piloted by Lt. Shoup, which landed in Switzerland when the gas supply ran low. Lt. Malheran performed an unusual feat on the 29th of May, bringing his plane in with number 3 and 4 engines feathered and the ball turret down. He was rewarded by Brig. Gen. Peck, who came over from Hortham to see his land.

There were several changes in key personnel in the squadron: Capt. Stanley J. Heitzel was transferred to Group, and Capt. Arthur R. Garner, Jr. became operations officer in his stead. Lt. E. B. Cedergren was appointed squadron bombardier.

A number of second lieutenants were promoted to first, and Capt. Fred E. Holdrege, the squadron CO, advanced to the grade of Major on the first of the month.

The squadron is rightly proud of its engineering section. T/Sgt Joe Ramirez, crew chief of 534 and 162 has 42 missions to his credit without an abortion. S/Sgt Charles E. Howard runs Ramirez a close second with 35 missions, while W/Sgt Clarence Self has 24.

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The armament section complains of being overworked--they service 24 planes with the same number of men who handled 12. The 7 turret men service 96 turrets. The 790th Squadron never missed a bomb load during May.

In the matter of awards, 153 men received the Air Medal during this month, and 39 were awarded Oak Leaf Clusters.

The social life of the Squadron was enlivened by a dance at the Red Cross Aero Club on the 12th. The base ball team is doing its best to make life in the ETO interesting for the men of the 790th. Occasionally Anglo-American relations have been rather strained, but that is no doubt due to the fact that the men want to get the war over with and go home. On the whole the squadron's morale is high, but there has been some complaining because of the slowness of the mail coming through.

For copies of Special and General orders pertaining to the awards to men of the 790th Squadron see the 467th Group History.

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE

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467TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

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HISTORY OF THE
790th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
1 June 1944 - 30 June 1944

1 June to 30 June 1944 marked the second full month of operations for the 790th Bombardment Squadron in the ETO. The Squadron participated in 26 missions, flying 124 accredited sorties, plus the usual shakedown and instrument check flights.

On the 30th of June the status of Crews stood as follows:

Reed--30	Bridenbaugh--30
Siebern--28	Ford--15
Martin--12	Campbell--14
Dickinson--26	Shaughnessy--19
Thompson--19	Bryson--30
Johnson--27	Newhouse--20
Beany--26	Evans--15
O'Toole--5	Harkonen--15
Lackens--6	Mulheran--17
Whitsel--1	Sheehan--14
Schwartz--12	Vogt--8

Command pilots had completed the following number of missions:

Major Holdrege--13 Capt. Garner--13 Lt. Brandon--15

The following Officers and Enlisted Men have completed their tour of duty as of 30 June 1944:

2nd Lt. Anderson, Earl E. Jr.	T/Sgt Bonto, Joseph F.
T/Sgt Bland, Melvin L.	1st Lt. Bridenbaugh, Joseph R.
S/Sgt Brooks, John W.	S/Sgt Brown, Duane W.
1st Lt. Bryson, Eddie	S/Sgt Bundrock, Vernon W.
T/Sgt Curtis, Louis T.	T/Sgt De Kerf, Robert W.
2nd Lt. Henderson, Bennett M.	1st Lt. Hobkirk, George D.
S/Sgt Johnson, Charles G.	2nd Lt. Kelley, John B.
2nd Lt. Kraemer, John C.E.	S/Sgt Kubacek, Henry W.
S/Sgt McEwen, Robert B.	S/Sgt McLean, Alexander D.
S/Sgt Odem, R. P.	1st Lt. Reed, George W.
T/Sgt Reilly, Charles R.	Sgt Strother, J.W.

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During June word was received from the International Red Cross that the following men, forced down over enemy territory on April 29, 1944, were prisoners of war in Germany:

Lt. Frank P. Prokop, O-687345
 Lt. Frank E. Billiter, O-541846
 Lt. Robert J. Pittman, O-699275
 S/Sgt Vernon M. Maize, 16160533

Lt. John P. Gavin, O-603181
 Lt. Linton A. Allen, O-755208
 T/Sgt Eugene J. Kuhns, 35312341
 S/Sgt John B. Angus, 11007363

The Red Cross also informed us that Lt. Shoup's crew, missing since 11 May 1944, had been interned in Switzerland.

T/Sgt Joseph V. Pereaualt, 11051138, radio operator on Lt. Beany's crew, was killed in action on his birthday, 25 June 1944.

Lt. Thomas V. Shaughnessy, O-752022 and F/O Joseph N. Zibkowski, T-61311 were wounded on the 25th. Cpl. Norman F. Schmit, 20242500 and Sgt Nathan L. Nelson, 36551723, were wounded on 21 June 1944.

Lt. Helton's crew has been missing since 21 June 1944.

The contest between crew chiefs to see who can keep their ships in the air the longest without an abortion, has been narrowed down to M/Sgt Joe Ramierez and T/Sgt Charles E. Howard. Ramierez has 38 consecutive missions on one ship (54 on two ships) while Howard has 44 on two ships, one of which was lost in action on its 32 mission. The engineering section was complimented by the Pratt and Whitney representative. He says that the 790th has the best combat time record for engines in the 2nd Bomb Division.

Armament has never missed a deadline on the bomb load. To quote the section chief M/Sgt Beers: "We've never had to chase a bomber down the runway." They are using American ingenuity; when parts are not available they improvise their own. Two men, Sgt Francis L. Davis of Armament and Cpl Zebanski of Ordnance,

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have designed a tool to facilitate the loading and unloading of 100 lb. and 250 lb. bombs. The gadget is now used through out the entire Group.

51 Air Medals and 199 Oak Leaf Clusters have been awarded during June. Lt. Joseph G. Mulheran, Lt. George D. Hobkirk and T/Sgt Robert W. DeKerf were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. T/Sgt James B. Hornsby was awarded the Purple Heart.

Two new crews were assigned to the 790th Squadron during June. The pilots are Lt. Edwin B. Lackens and Lt. Travis S. Whitsel, Jr.

Lt. C.C. Lowe, Squadron Adjutant, was promoted to Captain. 2nd Lts. Beany, Deutsch, Kaynor, Smolar, Shaughnessy, Eppolito, Kinnaugh, Mulheran and Thompson were appointed 1st Lts.

Lts. Dolan, Climer, Crosland, Pou, Charbonneau, Steasney, Hill and Barber were assigned to the Squadron during June.

Capt. C.C. Lowe was transferred to Hq Det, 467th Bomb Gp, and Lt. William E. Barber was appointed Squadron Adjutant. Lts. Valdez, Climer and Manger were transferred to Hq Det, 467th Bomb Gp. Lt. Charles D. Pou was transferred to the 788th Bomb Sq, APO 639 and 2nd Lt. Bennett M. Henderson was transferred to the Casual Pool 12th Replacement Control Depot.

1st Lt. David N. Hill, Assistant S-2, was born 30 March 1915. His home is Worcester, Mass. Graduate of Worcester High School, he attended Bowdoin College (ex '37) Served 7 months as EM. OCS, Miami Beach, commissioned 2nd Lt. 16 April 1943, 1st Lt. 7 Dec '43. Civilian occupation: Salesman.

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1st Lt. William H. Barber, Squadron Adjutant, was born 23 Dec 1911. His home is Chicago, Illinois. Went to Northwestern University (ex '40). OCS, Miami Beach, commissioned 2nd Lt. 16 April '43, 1st Lt. 17 August 1943. Civilian occupation : Stockbroker.

The Medical Department reports that no one from the 790th Bomb Sq was admitted to the hospital for VD during June in contrast to 1 for May.

The softball team folded up, but the squadron is represented on the base team by Sgt Carlo Gagna, catcher and shortstop, and Cpl Joe Vetter, pitcher. While there have been no strictly Squadron social activities, the men have participated in the Group affairs. Anglo-American relations have not been strained, but there have been some misunderstandings. This is probably due to the totally different temperament of the two peoples; it keeps the American from fully understanding the British, however neither people seem to do much in the way of establishing a better rapport. There have been innumerable gripes about the Americans being "over decorated, over paid, over sexed and over here." The men also feel that the British press does not give the Americans due battle credit. In spite of all this the Squadron's morale is high. The men swear by their officers, and feel that in Major Holdrege they have tops in a Squadron CO who is fair and has the interest of the Squadron at heart.

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Apendix I 790th Squadron History 1 June '44 - 30 June '44 (Cont'd)

The following is a Public Relations release:

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, ENGLAND:

S/Sgt. Phillip J. Mastandrea, 3027 Mickle Ave., The Bronx, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while in Aerial Combat. Mastandrea has already participated in 7 bombing missions over Germany and enemy occupied Europe--and at present is grounded by the medical authorities.

On the gunners' second mission to Germany, which was Aschersleben, flak hits found their mark on the Liberator. The ship managed to stay in formation until it crossed the Channel. About 10 miles from the home field, the plane steadily lost altitude until it finally crashed into a house. 7 members of the crew were killed. The three who got out were S/Sgt Truman Thompson, Corpus Christi, Texas, S/Sgt Meyer Miller, 886 Blake Ave., Brooklyn, and Mastandrea. None of the gunners seemd to know how they got out.

The boys spent the next three weeks in a hospital recuperating. May 24th found Mastandrea returning to his squadron--and flying on his third mission. The doctor advised him going on a few test hops, but the young Bronxite insisted on the real thing. Then on May 30th his 21st birthday, Mastandrea whent to Germany again, this time Zwischenahn. Over the target area and immediately following "Bombs away" direct flak hits knocked out number 3 and 4 engines, also causing a leak in the gas tank. While over enemy territory on the way back from the target, Major Hoädrege, Command Pilot in the lead ship of our Squadron and one of his wing planes piloted by Lt. Siebern, dropped back to give support to the crippled Lib. by adding more fire power should the straggler encounter enemy planes.

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Lt. Siebern proceeded to clear the VHF channel to enable Major Holdrege and himself in assisting Lt. Mulheran, the pilot of the crippled bomber, as much as possible. The pilot, 1st Lt. Joseph Mulheran of Minneapolis, Minn., ordered everything thrown overboard in order to lighten the load. Mastandrea tried salvaging his lower ball turret, but couldn't get it completely out. This left it protruding from the plane. The plane lost altitude and the use of its radio. U. S. fighter planes seeing the condition of the huge Lib. rushed to and escorted it back across the channel. Mastandrea later said, "it was the most beautiful sight in the world seeing those 38s and 47s. We would have been lost without them as they kept the German fighters away, whereas we never could have defended ourselves. Our guns had also been thrown out." Lt. Mulheran brought the ship down, with the ball turret only about 1 foot off the ground. Hearing about this sensational landing, Brig. Gen. Walter Peck, Commanding General of a Liberator Wing rushed over to congratulate the entire crew on the splendid job they had each done.

It was after this mission that the medics finally grabbed Mastandrea and grounded him against his wishes. His nerves were shot. At present he is working in the Engine Shop, but is waiting for the day he can return to combat duty.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mastandrea, 3027 Mickle Ave. Mastandrea is a graduate of Samuel Gompers Vocational School. In civilian life he was employed by the Eastchester Sales and Service Gas Station. He enlisted into the army Oct 30, 1942. Mastandrea received his combat training at Wendover Field, Utah and came overseas March 12, 1944. A younger brother, Nicholas, is stationed with the Air Corps in Italy.

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96th Combat Bombardment Wing (H)

467th Bombardment Group (H)

790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

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HISTORY OF THE
790th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
1 July 1944 - 31 July 1944

The 790th Bombardment Squadron, 467th Bombardment Group (H), marked its third full month of operation in the ETO during 1 July 1944 - 31 July 1944. In that month 19 missions with 159 accredited sorties were flown.

The status of crews on 31 July 1944 stood as follows:

Gray 1	Ford 17
Martin 24	Garner 17
Siebert 34	Zibkowski 29
Epting 0	Young 3
Thompson 33	Deardorff 3
Johnson 28	Newhouse 27
Love 2	McKenzie 3
Hays 26	Harkonen 26
Woodis 1	Mulheran 24
Whiteel 13	Sheehan 18
Lackens 9	Cravens 1
Schwartz 24	Vogt 20

Command pilots were credited with the following number of missions:

Maj. Holdrege 15 Capt. Campbell 15 Lt. Brandon 16

The number of Hayy Warriors increased considerably as the following Officers and EM finished their tour of duty:

Bridenbaugh, J. R.	Curtis, L. T.
Reed, G. W.	Rainwater, R. L.
Bryson, E.	Little, C.
Kelley, J. B.	Brooks, J. W.
Beaney, E. W.	Johnson, C. G.
Dickinson, G. W.	Kubacek, H. W.
Oder, J. G.	McLean, A. D.
Jordan, E. C.	McEwen, E. B.
Hobkirk, G. D.	Bundrock, V. W.
Henderson, B. M.	Odum, R. P.
Sprague, R. G.	Brown, D. E.
Kraemer, J. C.	Masterson, W. L.
Anderson, E. E.	Madden, E. D.
Seidell, C. G.	Reed, E. W.
Rielley, C. R.	Meredith, B. F.
Bento, J. F.	Leinert, C. W.
Bland, M. L.	Kenrelley, T. B.
O'Connor, J. P.	Nelson, H. K.
Lobianco, A. M.	Gutnam, C. W.
De Kerf, R. W.	Elewein, R. H.

Leeper, G. W.

During July the Squadron lost one crew:

Evans, Richard E. 1st Lt. O-808971 Pilot
Sander, Robert T. 2nd Lt. O-805684 Co-pilot
Elber, George A. 2nd Lt. O-803968 Navigator-Bombardier
Vinson, John E. T/Sgt 38370097 Engineer
Rawhouser, Wesley A. T/Sgt 39200431 Radio operator
Allen, Garrett F. S/Sgt 32557935 Tail Gunner
Wise, Lorman E. S/Sgt 37207139 Ball Gunner
Batman, Eugene M. S/Sgt 37501894 Gunner
Mason, Hrace R. S/Sgt 18132565 Gunner

The plane landed in Switzerland, but no word of the condition of the crew has been received.

On 11 July 1944 S/Sgt Arthur D. Price, 37504269 and S/Sgt John Mikulin, 35050245, were killed in action. On the same date the following men were wounded:

Lackens, Edwin B. 1st Lt. O-805936
Dupree, Joseph A. 2nd Lt. O-705354
Curran, Robert J. 2nd Lt. O-713138
Miller, Warren J. F/O T-124065
German, Howard H., Jr. S/Sgt 13075942
McElveen, Joseph T. Sgt. 34645815
Stanfill, Walter C. Sgt 39306987

1st Lt. Sheehan, Lackens, Schiavo, Campbell and Cedergren were promoted to Captain. The PX had quite a run on silver bars as 2nd Lts. Davis, Evans, Hays, Hobkirk, Kelley, Vogt, Merritt, Martin, Oder, Moulton, Mintzlauff, Pittinger, Shetlar, Harkonen, Hirsch, Sprague, Jordan, Seessler, Schwartz and Whitsel all made 1st Lt. during July. F/Os Firedman and Zbikowski no longer have to explain what that blue and gold bar they have been wearing means, for they were appointed 2nd Lt.s

The chuck-a-luck cage was spun during July and the following appointments and transfers came out:

Lt. James E. Gardner was appointed supply officer for the squadron. Lt. Wilson the engineering officer was transferred to the 392nd Bomb Gp and Lt. Charles F. Taylor took his place. Lt. Dindinger, the armament officer was transferred to the 389th Bomb Gp. Capt. Campbell took Capt. Garner's place as squadron operations officer, while Capt. Garner became a lead pilot. Capt. Sheehan and crew went on DS for PFF training.

Five pilots and crews were assigned to the squadron:

1st Lt. McKenzie and crew
2nd Lt. Gray and crew
2nd Lt. Eptin and crew
F/O cravens and crew

52 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 32 Air Medals and 176 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal were awarded in Julr. Six men, E. B. Lackens, P. J. Mast-andrea, J. T. McElveen, N. F. Schmitt, W. C. Stanfill and T. V. Shaughnessy were awarded the Purple Heart.

Ordnance section is patting itself on the back--they still haven't missed a bomb load. The officers can't let the enlisted men get ahead of them; last month the EM fixed themselves up a gadget for loading and unloading 100 lb. bombs--this month Lt. Brown has racked his brains and came up with a device to facilitate the loading of fragmentation bombs--it will keep them from falling and going off accidentally, claims it works too, but he can't get anybody to give it the works, yet.

Over in Engineering section M/Sgt Joe Ramirez has 54 sorties on 543 and 22 on 162. T/Sgt Clarence Self has 36 sorties on 378 and 33 on 080.

Cpl William F. MacDonald won first place in the diving contest held by 2 BD. He will go on to the 8th Air Force meet. Carl E. McDonald who placed third in the free style relay will not. S/Sgt Woodrow A Spacek spoke on the Czechoslovakian propaganda broadcast from London on 2 July 1944.

Squadron morale is high, kept there by warm summer nights and frequent passes. Anglo-American relations seem to be about the same: the men date English girls and drink English beer, but gripe about both.

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HISTORY OF THE 790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (B) 1 August 1944 - 31 August 1944

The 790th Bombardment Squadron, 457th Bombardment Group, cut another notch in the big stick marking the fifth full month of operation. The squadron flew on 19 missions, for credit of 159 sorties.

During the month of August one crew was missing in action:

Lt. D. S. Love
Lt. B. E. Coltey
Lt. W. R. Bremer
S/Sgt J. M. O'Hara
S/Sgt J. J. Klemas
S/Sgt J. L. Mott
S/Sgt J. D. Collins
S/Sgt J. W. Beseny
S/Sgt B. C. LeBar

They were lost on an operational mission to Brunswick, Germany on 5 August 1944.

The status of pilots stood as follows:

Schwartz 28	Cravens 10
Ford 22	Gray 12
Garner 23	Martin 29
Rosenthal 1	Graham 3
Young 18	Epting 5
Deardorff 15	Rothchild 4
Davis 1	Barker 1
McKenzie 13	Patton 4
Herkonen 34	Lackens 10
Mulheran 29	Woodis 9
Sheehan 24	Whituel 17

Status of Command Pilots was as follows:

Maj. Holdrege 21 Capt. Campbell 18 Lt. Brandon 22

The following Officers and Enlisted Men completed their tour of duty during the month of August:

T/Sgt Ables, Lee R.	S/Sgt Basselvander, Phillip R.
Sgt Barnum, John W.	1st Lt. Hays, Roy L.

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T/Sgt Baushover, David A.	S/Sgt Horne, John L., Jr.
S/Sgt Bisking, Donald R.	T/Sgt Hornsby, James F.
S/Sgt Boesch, Roy P.	T/Sgt Hurst, Kenneth
S/Sgt Buntin, Marvin W.	1st Lt. Johnson, Edward W.
Burden, Charles C. S/Sgt	S/Sgt Leath, John L.
S/Sgt Clark, Robert W.	2nd Lt. Matulke, William F.
T/Sgt Desmond, Frank W., Jr.	1st Lt. Merritt, Jack
1st Lt. Davis, William E.	1st Lt. Moulton, Robert D.
T/Sgt Drapp, William J.	S/Sgt O'Donnell, Patrick J.
S/Sgt Luby, Clayton C.	S/Sgt Peck, Harold J.
S/Sgt Ludley, Charles L.	S/Sgt Permann, Glenn L.
1st Lt.apolito, Charles T.	1st Lt. Pierce, Robert W.
S/Sgt Flores, Cruz S.	T/Sgt Pollard, William R.
2nd Lt. Gipson, Edward C.	S/Sgt Rafford, Roger E.
Sgt Scce, Eual E.	S/Sgt Scherer, Roger
1st Lt. Sessler, Roy	1st Lt. Siebern, Vincent F.
S/Sgt Spack, Woodrow A.	S/Sgt Stuedicke, Owenher E.
2nd Lt. Thompson, John E.	S/Sgt Tuck, Earl D.
2nd Lt. Whelan, Paul W.	2nd Lt. Zukowski, Joseph L.

During August 47 Air Medals, 122 Clusters to the Air Medal, and 56 Distinguished Flying Crosses were awarded. Three men, E. J. Curran, J. A. Dupres and E. J. Gorman, Jr. were awarded the Purple Heart.

The following Officers were promoted during August 1944:

2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.

Deardorff, Charles E.	Woodis, Boyd L., Jr.
Grey, S. T., Jr.	Donigan, David J., Jr.
Horne, Albert V.	Spencer, Emmet A., Jr.
Wailles, Joseph C.	Sprouse, Donald W.
Whelan, Paul W.	Coltney, Howard E.
Young, Glenn D.	Hitchcock, William R.
Love, David E.	Matulke, William F.

F/O to 2nd Lt.

McCarthy, William J.

Listed below are officers transferred into the squadron:

Weinberg, Charles W.	Lipsia, Henry J.
Davis, Marvin R. & crew	Rosenthal, Donald E. & crew
Barker, Cleason D. & crew	Rothchild, Aubrey & crew
Patten, Nolan & crew	Graham, Lester C. & crew

The squadron lost the following Officers through transfer:

Gardner, James F.	New House, James E.
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Mintzloff, Charles E. Dupree, Joseph A.
Carsullo, Thomas J.

The 790th Squadron has 18 airplanes assigned to it. Of these 18 ships 3 are the originals that were flown from the States. The practice of naming the ships and painting pictures on the sides has added to the somewhat dull life of the field. Following is a list of the names and serial numbers of ships:

42-29270	"Wild Irish Rose"
41-29397	"Sluggo, Jr."
41-29408	"Valiant Lady"
41-29446	"Tangerine"
42-95057	"Angel"
42-110171	"Prowler"
42-52536	"Southern Clipper"
42-52534	"Super Wolf"
42-95034	"Leading Lady"
42-52571	"Snooper"

W/Sgt Joe Ramirez is still going strong on 42-32534. It now has 70 missions without an abortion. All credit must be given to Ramirez and his confreres who have worked long hours on the line keeping the ship mechanically perfect. W/Sgt Clarence Self, another crew chief in the 790th has a total of 92 missions on 2 ships and Conner has 67 on 2 ships.

Squadron loyalty is a wonderful thing, but mention should be made of the men who work as a group. The Photo Section, the S-2 section, radio, personnel, communications, all have men from different squadrons working side by side with little or no friction. Each man on the field has but one objective: get the war over and go home.

No strictly squadron functions were held during August, although the squadron was represented in almost every group

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activity. Cpl W. W. MacDonald who placed first in the diving contest held by 2ND went on to the 8th AF meet, but didn't do as well as before. Later he represented the 2ND in a triangular meet with the Royal Navy and the Royal Artillery and took first place in the free style diving.

With the end of the war in sight, the squadron morale, already good, leaped to a new high. In the war bond drive the 790th was the first air squadron of the group to fill its quota of \$20,000. Anglo-American relations are about the same. With the opening of 48 hour passes the men have been given the opportunity to get about more and see England, which has given them a better insight into British life.

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Fred E. Holdrege	O-24673	Major	Sq CO
Harold W. Cedergren	O-669200	Capt.	Sq Bomb.
Richard J. Campbell	O-785698	Capt.	Sq Ops. O.
Louis J. Schiavo, Jr.	O-663416	Capt.	Sq Nav.
Charles H. Brandon	O-462554	1st Lt.	Asst. Ops O

CREW 51

Schwartz, George H.	O-751052	1st Lt.	P
Dunigan, David J.	O-817406	2nd Lt.	CP
Rome, Albert V.	O-704038	2nd Lt.	N
Sprouse, Donald W.	O-696524	2nd Lt.	B
Catalfano, Anthony J.	32679115	T/Sgt	ROG
Riddle, Carl U.	33395984	T/Sgt	ABG
Hatch, Benj. R.	32806748	S/Sgt	BTG
Koerner, Julius L.	37149297	S/Sgt	TC
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Oechiuzzo, Albert H.	32865615	Sgt	G

CREW 52L

Ford, Kenneth G.	O-803100	1st Lt.	P
Greiner, Louis H.	O-801456	1st Lt.	N
Kinnaugh, Milton C.	O-668967	1st Lt.	B
Long, Eugene F.	14047930	T/Sgt	ABG
Hock, Dennis F.	16077999	S/Sgt	ROG
Kopcho, Isadore	33413516	S/Sgt	BTG
Gentry, Tommy G.	19072880	S/Sgt	G
O'Donnell, James W.	11113545	S/Sgt	G
Hirsch, Richard E.	O-698711	1st Lt.	PN
Russell, Richard O.	O-824243	2nd Lt.	CP

CREW 53L

Garner, Arthur R.	O-384984	Capt.	P
Wright, Daniel D.	O-812719	2nd Lt.	CP
Deutsch, Morton (NMI)	O-757771	1st Lt.	N
Penoyer, Kenneth S.	O-544005	1st Lt.	B
Sheltar, John A.	O-692345	1st Lt.	PN
Sawyer, John H.	34180327	Cpl	ABG
Arndt, Robert E.	32552142	T/Sgt	ROG
Quick, Charles M.	18167813	Pvt	BTG
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Ogilvie, James A.	31279045	S/Sgt	TC

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CREW 54

Rosenthal, Donald W.	O-819324	2nd Lt.	P
O'Toole, James W.	T-122851	F/O	CP
Edwards, Morton G.	O-716392	2nd Lt.	N
Gilbertson, Lloyd A.	16056825	Sgt	ARG
Zello, Salvatore	32275528	Sgt	ROG
Parent, Richard S.	31268335	Sgt	B
Manchester, Sherman	12239578	Sgt	G
Gerbyshak, Edwin J.	16132628	Sgt	G
Centois, Raymond J.	31293033	Sgt	G
Blevins, Dale B.	33736292	Sgt	TO

CREW 55

Young, Glen D.	O-820926	2nd Lt.	P
McTyre, Raymond M.	O-823661	2nd Lt.	CP
Bickel, Jonathan R.	O-712756	2nd Lt.	N
McIlvain, Joseph C.	O-692503	2nd Lt.	B
Cassedy, William A.	32293780	T/Sgt	ROG
Gilmore, Gardner H.	39251789	T/Sgt	ARG
Bosko, John P.	42040087	S/Sgt	G
Meintz, Harold D.	36182141	S/Sgt	BTG
Farrell, Bernard J.	12227701	Sgt	G
Dollar, M. F.	13152610	Sgt	G

CREW 56

Deardorff, Charles E.	O-821235	2nd Lt.	P
Shaver, Max	O-824265	2nd Lt.	CP
Friedman, Seymour	T-124430	F/O	N
Regan, Bernard C.	37217705	S/Sgt	ROG
Miller, John C.	17106668	S/Sgt	ARG
Casey, Albert L.	31130031	S/Sgt	G
Clawson, Charles H.	35559363	Sgt	BTG
Clayman, Harry L.	13062945	Sgt	TC
Baldwin, Joseph P.	36726667	Sgt	B
Wells, William M., Jr.	37540181	Cpl	G

CREW 57

Davis, Marvin R.	O-705345	2nd Lt.	P
Rush, Robert E.	O-770799	2nd Lt.	CP
Weaver, Walter W.	O-723865	2nd Lt.	N
Neisec, Ronald A.	37557294	Sgt	ROG
Ely, Russell I.	16153960	Sgt	ARG
Ash, Richard W.	31363738	Sgt	G
Bridges, Paul F.	37615158	Sgt	G
Hoffbauer, Max W.	17151501	Sgt	G
Hones, Eugene	36865889	Sgt	G

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CREW 58

McKenzie, Robert L.	O-693299	1st Lt.	P
Frye, William E.	O-822958	2nd Lt.	CP
Seichick, Norman	O-717318	2nd Lt.	N
Schmidt, Donald J.	O-768897	2nd Lt.	B
Frazier, George E.	O-716720	2nd Lt.	S (PW)
Wentz, Malcolm A.	37438557	T/Sgt	ROG
Hogan, Joseph F.	13061320	T/Sgt	ACG
Deer, Gail A.	36648266	S/Sgt	BTG
Segalla, John F.	31048119	Sgt	G
Williams, Curtis C., Jr.	14094660	S/Sgt	TG

CREW 59

Harkonen, E. A.	O-817431	1st Lt.	P
Hitchcock, W. W.	O-817442	2nd Lt.	CP
McCarthy, W. J.	T-123988	E/C	N
Wailles, J. C.	O-694480	2nd Lt.	B
Kennedy, W. R.	36630977	Pvt	ROG
Vogler, E. L.	37414874	T/Sgt	ACG
Randolph, C. A.	19137873	S/Sgt	BTG
Wright, S. E.	13110736	S/Sgt	TO
Planford, W. G.	36728911	S/Sgt	G

CREW 60

Mulheran, Joseph C.	O-699706	1st Lt.	P
Dolan, Robert E.	O-443496	1st Lt.	B
Isizure, Kenneth E.	35399971	T/Sgt	ROG
Slater, Michael S.	32561138	S/Sgt	G
Beauchamp, Ralph J.	13053152	Sgt	G

CREW 61 I

Sheehan, Robert D.	O-687710	Capt.	P
Smolar, Anthony R.	O-690173	1st Lt.	N
Brooks, Jesse E.	O-495650	1st Lt.	B
Fornols, John J.	18119393	S/Sgt	ACG
Altenburg, Martin L.	36502864	T/Sgt	ROG
Healy, John R.	36641320	Sgt	G
Baker, Robert E.	39201187	Sgt	BTG
Love, Clarence E.	16162372	Sgt	TG
Kaynor, Donald D.	O-696297	1st Lt.	PH

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CREW 62

Cravens, Joseph W.	T-61722	F/O	P
Ross, John V.	T-61658	F/O	CP
Franklin, Charles B.	O-717422	2nd Lt.	(PM) N
Lepson, Sol.	T-125620	F/O	B
Ward, William E.	32866730	S/Sgt	ROG
Clements, William D.	19165185	S/Sgt	ABO
Davidson, Robert O.	35139773	S/Sgt	BTG
Edl, Tony M.	35808829	Sgt	TC
Kirkland, James S.	38478006	S/Sgt	G
Parvin, Donald L.	O-716524	2nd Lt.	N

CREW 63

Vogt, Leonard D.	O-807543	1st Lt.	P
Spenser, Emmet F.	O-817776	2nd Lt.	CP
Guay, Roland E.	O-712807	2nd Lt.	N
Kingston, John R.	T-123128	F/O	B
Ervin, Berry	34506114	T/Sgt	ROG
Nolan, William T.	34208445	T/Sgt	ABO
Belter, Robert L.	32290570	S/Sgt	TC
Luddy, Robert G.	31324092	S/Sgt	G
Cupton, Charles A.	37516205	S/Sgt	BTG

CREW 64

Gray, S. T., Jr.	O-706054	2nd Lt.	P
Meyer, Henry E.	T-2734	F/O	CP
Buck, James G.	O-717377	2nd Lt.	N
Tognarini, Clarence	36634222	S/Sgt	ROG
Arnold, Stephen H.	12052293	S/Sgt	ABO
Eberline, James H.	33757366	Sgt	G
Francis, Allen L.	12121215	Sgt	TC
O'Neill, Warren C. H.	38327112	Sgt	BTG
Laczynski, Edmund	36536269	Sgt	G

CREW 65

Martin, Sherman D.	O-690322	1st Lt.	P
Baskey, Robert P.	O-701859	2nd Lt.	CP
Christensen, Magnus C.	O-712083	2nd Lt.	N
Bannister, Richard G.	O-699539	2nd Lt.	B
Rodell, Leo A.	36025762	T/Sgt	ROG
Metzger, William H.	33457814	T/Sgt	ABO
Crocker, Robert H.	34625188	S/Sgt	TC
Marquess, Walter M.	31311849	S/Sgt	BTG
Romano, Joseph R.	35050239	S/Sgt	G

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CREW 66

Graham, Lester O.	O-705232	2nd Lt.	P
Rewey, John D.	O-714176	2nd Lt.	CP
Weltman, Bernard H.	T-125767	F/O	N
Garver, Richard W.	T-2209	F/O	B
Ranaud, Roland A.	16065937	S/Sgt	ROG
Doling, John L.	34761878	S/Sgt	AEG
Johnson, Carl	39698568	Pvt	G
Steffen, Albert J.	15119227	Sgt	TG
Weigle, Lyman E.	37515403	Sgt	BTG
York, Chester D.	36870427	Sgt	NG

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Epting, Carl E. Jr.	O-460108	2nd Lt.	P
Bowmer, Watson E.	O-767473	2nd Lt.	CP
Larson, Harold W.	O-712112	2nd Lt.	N
Pudge, Robert S., Jr.	38419868	Sgt	ROG
Schmidbauer, John E.	31330600	Sgt	AEG
Bailey, Everest H.	33628877	Sgt	TG
Antetomaso, Mario P.	35730877	Sgt	G
Myers, Duane W.	37563450	Sgt	G
Powell, Thomas T.	33465337	Sgt	BTG

CREW 68

Rothchild, A. E.	O-820831	2nd Lt.	P
Schlager, John L.	O-826301	2nd Lt.	CP
Rountree, Charles T.	O-716895	2nd Lt.	B
Brewer, Harold Z.	33562608	S/Sgt	G
Robertson, Alexander G.	12937280	Sgt	ROG
Hazell, Edward T.	12037280	Sgt	AEG
Bowling, Finley P.	35803735	Sgt	BTG
Jobst, Nelson W.	35252828	Sgt	G
Kenchner, Joseph J.	33705757	Sgt	G
Clark, Earl F.	33705800	Sgt	TG

CREW 69

Baker, Cleason D.	O-763901	2nd Lt.	P
Kniemenen, Loren G.	O-768123	2nd Lt.	CP
Adkins, Charles S.	O-712337	2nd Lt.	N
Beard, Benjamin H.	O-768923	2nd Lt.	B
Kelder, Harold	16079430	Sgt	ROG
Brown, Rual	38419594	Sgt	G
Kohut, Edward H.	36563440	Sgt	G
Sloan, Ray E.	37491882	Sgt	G
Donner, Lovell J.	37362875	Sgt	G
Gregory, Geoffrey G.	O-765794	2nd Lt.	PN

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Patton, N. G.	0-820815	2nd Lt.	P
Dining, Leslie H.	0-825803	2nd Lt.	CP
Newell, Wilbur A.	33167316	Sgt	ROG
Corn, Arthur A.	17072048	Sgt	AEG
Van Zandt, Harold L.	12076268	Pvt	BTG
Check, William J.	33611338	Pvt	TG
Cott, Robert E.	13171909	Sgt	G
Hilton, John R.	33764787	Sgt	C
Fisher, Harry M. Jr.	0-725423	2nd Lt.	BN

CREW CREW 71

Lackens, Edwin E.	0-805936	1st Lt.	P
Wing, Lindley A.	0-1290513	2nd Lt.	CP
Iazon, Arthur E.	T-123615	F/O	N
Stander, Francis J.	0-704323	2nd Lt.	B
Tucci, Michael S.	33503459	T/Sgt	AEG
Harris, David E.	32093567	T/Sgt	ROG
Brown, Tommy P.	18216975	S/Sgt	TG
Reynolds, Robert J.	17021461	S/Sgt	G
Cox, Wade R.	15084321	Sgt	G

CREW 72

Woodis, Boyd L., Jr.	0-820184	2nd Lt.	P
Manuelian, Leon	T-62655	F/O	CP
Ford, Robert C.	34724683	S/Sgt	ROG
Pauer, Carl L.	16141236	S/Sgt	AEG
Allen, Robert E.	17153026	Sgt	G
Curran, Robert J.	0-713138	2nd Lt.	N
Bowman, James W.	6850219	Sgt	TG
Cooper, William F.	35708111	Sgt	G
Wier, Percy E.	31385637	Sgt	BTG

CREW 73

Whitsel, Travis E., Jr.	0-437790	1st Lt.	P
Gehring, Joseph M.	0-705375	2nd Lt.	CP
Hallowell, George B.	0-712811	2nd Lt.	N
Feithly, David A.	0-707785	2nd Lt.	PN
Andrews, James R.	T-123245	F/O	B
Deane, E. F.	11071089	S/Sgt	ROG
Reiff, Daniel C.	33499353	S/Sgt	AEG
Gauthier, Norman A.	36457284	S/Sgt	TG
Buller, Peter L.	39549898	S/Sgt	G
Swenson, Raymond W.	18122749	S/Sgt	BTG

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Nelson, Nathan I.	37551723	S/Sgt	TC
Williamson, Minton I.	0-682412	2nd Lt.	B
Robinson, Walter J.	0-773271	2nd Lt.	B
Carrella, Theodore	32892802	Cpl	C
Joner, Ivor V.	13176042	Cpl	C
Keys, Robert A.	0-733060	2nd Lt.	B
Schmidt, Norman F.	20242500	Sgt	C
Laize, John A., Jr.	11054944	T/Sgt	ABG
Lomas, Joseph A.	13153844	Cpl	ROG
Miller, Meyer	12158787	S/Sgt	C
Shumaker, Warren E.	0-574807	1st Lt.	B
Zumalt, Eugene R.	17121514	S/Sgt	C
Katz, Sidney,	32895585	Sgt	C

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Anderson, Earl E., Jr.	0-691856	2nd Lt.
Bateman, Eugene R.	18187516	T/Sgt
Beaney, Elroy W.	0-803084	1st Lt.
Bento, Joseph F.	31149746	T/Sgt
Bland, Melvin L.	33390918	T/Sgt
Bridenbaugh, Joseph R.	0-659651	1st Lt.
Brooks, John W.	37493396	S/Sgt
Brown, Duane W.	14137219	S/Sgt
Bryson, Eddie	0-531324	1st Lt.
Bundrock, Vernon W.	32839558	S/Sgt
Curtis, Louis T.	18187371	T/Sgt
De Verf, Robert W.	16126974	T/Sgt
Duncan, Alexander K.	16148689	S/Sgt
Henderson, Bennett M.	0-698708	2nd Lt.
Hobkirk, George D.	0-698712	1st Lt.
Johnson, Charles G.	19082438	S/Sgt
Jordan, Edgar C.	0-699638	1st Lt.
Kelley, John B.	0-693278	2nd Lt.
Kennelly, Thomas R.	19052528	S/Sgt
Keinert, Carl W.	33160848	Sgt
Kremer, John C.	0-691837	2nd Lt.
Kubacek, Henry W.	18216290	S/Sgt
Lagory, Thomas W.	16338732	S/Sgt
Lantz, Otis E.	0-699259	1st Lt.
Leeper, George W.	37227577	S/Sgt
Madden, Earl D.	36717751	S/Sgt
Masterson, Wesley L.	15084321	S/Sgt
McEwen, Robert B.	17090371	S/Sgt
McKay, Roderick J.	0-435966	1st Lt.
McLean, Alexander D.	18089637	S/Sgt
Melton, Guerry G.	34166012	Sgt
Meridith, Benjamin F.	33325645	S/Sgt
Miner, Hugh C.	0-699764	1st Lt.
Nelson, Harlyn K.	37655527	S/Sgt
O'Connor, Joseph P.	6902460	Sgt
Odem, R. P.	14156348	S/Sgt
Oder, John G.	0-699787	1st Lt.
Rainwater, Roy L.	33326964	T/Sgt
Reed, Edwin W.	17041056	S/Sgt
Reed, George W.	0-688993	1st Lt.
Reilly, Charles R.	11023723	T/Sgt
Sprague, Robert G.	0-692347	1st Lt.
Walbridge, Robert P.	0-1692525	2nd Lt.

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Lt. J. M. Skinner KIA	Lt. W. T. Shoup Int.
Lt. C. L. Stuckman KIA	Lt. P. F. Ayers Int.
Lt. E. L. Wilder KIA	Lt. R. R. Reno Int.
Lt. A. R. Dahlin KIA	T/Sgt J. Pallock Int.
T/Sgt R. J. Eaton KIA	T/Sgt H. G. Malin Int.
S/Sgt K. Harshbarger KIA	S/Sgt P. McClellan Int.
S/Sgt R. E. Reed KIA	S/Sgt G. R. Jones Int.
Lt. E. P. Prokop PW	S/Sgt W. E. Rester Int.
Lt. R. J. Pittman PW	S/Sgt G. E. Kenney Int.
Lt. G. W. Milliron KIA	Lt. E. M. Helton KIA
Lt. E. H. Condon KIA	Lt. R. J. Ludka, Jr. KIA
S/Sgt E. Dreksler KIA	Lt. M. E. Nelson, KIA
S/Sgt J. R. Boucher KIA	T/Sgt F. Borduck KIA
S/Sgt L. M. Hill KIA	T/Sgt W. C. Rankin KIA
S/Sgt R. C. Peters KIA	S/Sgt T. A. Gensert KIA
S/Sgt J. Burgelin PW	S/Sgt S. Brezowski KIA
S/Sgt F. D. Williams KIA	S/Sgt C. Mergicasso, KIA
Lt. J. P. Gavin PW	S/Sgt C. L. Knowles KIA
Lt. F. L. Billiter PW	T/Sgt V. Perreault KIA
Lt. L. A. Allen PW	Lt. R. E. Evans Int.
Lt. D. E. Atley KIA	Lt. R. T. Sander, Int.
T/Sgt E. J. Kuhns PW	Lt. G. A. Elber Int.
S/Sgt V. M. Balze PW	T/Sgt W. Rawhauser Int.
S/Sgt L. L. Sager KIA	T/Sgt J. Vinson Int.
S/Sgt R. T. Russell KIA	S/Sgt G. H. Allen Int.
S/Sgt G. Hinkebein KIA	S/Sgt E. M. Batman Int.
S/Sgt J. B. Angus PW	S/Sgt L. E. Wise Int.

Roster of Men Transferred to Hospital

Dupree, Joseph A.	O-705354	2nd Lt.
Miller, Warren J.	T-124065	F/O
German, Howard H. Jr.	13075942	T/Sgt
Mc Elveen, Joseph T.	34645815	S/Sgt
Stanfill, Walter C.	39306987	S/Sgt
Shaughnessy, Thomas V.	O-752022	1st Lt.

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HISTORY OF THE
790th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
1 September 1944-30 Sept. 1944

The period 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 marked the 6th full month of operation for the 790th Bombardment Squadron. From 1 September to 11 September 1944, the squadron participated on five combat missions with 35 accredited sorties. On the 12th of September the Group was relieved from combat, and began to carry supplies to France. These were called "Truckin" missions. There were 13 "truckin" missions with 124 flights.

The status of pilots stood as follows on 30 September:

Schwartz--32	Cravens--12
Deardorff--17	Lingerer--0
Ford--28	Gray--14
Davis--1	Lackens--14
Carner--24	Graham--7
McFenzie--14	Epting--5
Rosenthal--1	Rothchild--6
Moseley--0	Barker--2
Young--22	Patton--5
Mulheran--29	Wing--27
Sheehan--24	Woodis--10
	Whitsel--16

The status of command pilots of the 790th was as follows:

Major Holdrege--21 Capt. Campbell--19 Lt. Brandon--23

First Lieutenants Oliner, Ford and Mulheran were promoted to Captain. Second Lieutenants Wing, Rothchild, Bannister, Epting, Graham, Baskey, Christensen and Guay are now First Lieutenants. Flight Officers Cravens, Kingston, Meyer, Lozon, Andrews, O'Toole are now Second Lieutenants.

The following officers were transferred out of the Squadron:

Capt. Ted H. Oliner
1st Lt. Warren E. Shumaker
1st Lt. Eddie Bryson
1st Lt. Charles E. Eppolito
1st Lt. Robert D. Moulton

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750th Bombardment Sq History Cont'd

Awards and decorations were awarded as follows:

7 Distinguished Flying Crosses
28 Air Medals
55 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal
1 Purple Heart

At the end of September, the following aircraft (with name of crew chief) had completed mission indicated:

42-09087	Kennedy	30
44-40070	Cook	11
42-05000	Self	48
42-05004	Conner	23
42-05154	Reinders	1
42-110171	Huber	13
42-05037	Reinders	3
41-29270	Chiske	16
42-05273	Dickerson	23
42-01354	Harder	5
41-29375	Self	42
41-29280	Harder	23
41-29387	Schwab	24
41-29408	Minor	18
41-29446	Deal	10
42-02534	Reidrez	73
42-02556	Dickerson	29
42-02571	Conner	45
* 42-05186	Reidrez	15
* 42-05354	Deal	3
* 42-02487	Howard	38
* 42-02612	Seatts	21
* 42-02531	Deal	8
* 42-02553	Minor	25
**42-02561	Steranko	7
* 41-29598	Harder	02
**42-05293	Conner	4
* 41-29730	Deal	2
* 41-29749	Cook	2

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The 750th Bomb Squadron did not have any purely squadron social functions during September, however they participated in all the group activities. With the coming of the rainy weather most of these had to be transferred indoors. Anglo-American relations are excellent, but squadron morale sagged a bit with the prospect of having to spend Christmas so far away from home.

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HISTORY OF THE 790th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 1 October 1944 - 31 October 1944

The period 1 October 1944, to 31 October 1944 marked the 7th full month of operations of the 790th Bombardment Squadron in the ETO. During that time the squadron flew on 14 missions, and were credited with 101 sorties.

The status of pilots stood as follows on 31 October 1944:

Carner--11	Rice--10
Young--31	Rosenthal--7
Davis--3	Deardorff--29
Moseley--2	McKenzie--19
Loveless--25	Laszlo--19
Ungerer--7	Gray--25
Ross--12	Graham--12
Epting--13	Lackens--20
Barker--7	Wing--35
Woodis--17	McFarland--0
	Rothchild--10

The status of Command Pilots stood as follows:

Major Holdrege--24 Capt. Campbell--22 Lt. Brandon--27

Promotions of officers were rather slim this month, but second lieutenants McIlwain, Barry, Sablotny and Stander were promoted to first lieutenants. Flight Officer Ross was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Following is a list of officers and EM who have completed their tour of duty in the ETO and have been relieved from combat status:

T/Sgt Anthony J. Catalfano	1st Lt. Richard G. Bannister
1st Lt. Robert F. Baskey	1st Lt. Magnus C. Christensen
S/Sgt Robert H. Crocker	1st Lt. David J. Dunigan
T/Sgt Perry Ervin	S/Sgt Jenj. E. Hatch
2nd Lt. John R. Kingston	S/Sgt Julius L. Koerner
2nd Lt. Arthur E. Lomon	1st Lt. Charles H. Mintelaff
S/Sgt Walter M. Marouess	S/Sgt Meyer Miller
T/Sgt William H. Metzger	Capt. Joseph G. Mulheran
T/Sgt Carl U. Riddle	1st Lt. Albert V. Rome
T/Sgt Leo A. Rodell	S/Sgt Joseph R. Romano
1st Lt. Donald W. Sprouse	S/Sgt Michael S. Slater
Capt. Louis J. Schiavo, Jr.	1st Lt. George H. Schwartz
T/Sgt Michael S. Tucci	S/Sgt Paul O. Steinhauer

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The morning report clerk has been kept busy transferring men in and out of the squadron. The following Happy Warriors are on their way back to the States:

T/Sgt Walter C. Schonoff
S/Sgt Joseph R. Romano
T/Sgt William H. Metzger
S/Sgt Lawrence W. Wolfe
2nd Lt. John R. Kingston
Capt. Louis J. Schiavo
1st Lt. John J. Bruenderman
1st Lt. Richard G. Bannister
T/Sgt Berry Ervin
S/Sgt Benjamin R. Hatch
S/Sgt Paul C. Steinhauer

T/Sgt Leo A. Rodell
T/Sgt James E. Dewhirst
S/Sgt James E. Lovelace
1st Lt. Magnus C. Christensen
S/Sgt Robert H. Crocker
1st Lt. Sherman D. Martin
1st Lt. Robert F. Baskey
S/Sgt Michael S. Slater
T/Sgt Carl U. Riddle
S/Sgt Julius L. Koerner
1st Lt. Jack Merritt

S/Sgt Walter G. Blanford

The Squadron gained the following Officers:

2nd Lt. Elias L. Arnita
1st Lt. George E. Loveless
2nd Lt. Duane A. Comport
2nd Lt. Joseph G. Dzenowagis
2nd Lt. Raymond A. Silbiger
F/O Gene R. Mollahan
1st Lt. Geza Laszlo
2nd Lt. Robert M. Stone, Jr.
2nd Lt. James B. Horak

1st Lt. Addison B. Manning
F/O Charles E. Caldwell
2nd Lt. James F. McFarland, Jr.
2nd Lt. Steve J. Maznio
1st Lt. Sherman D. Martin
1st Lt. John J. Bruenderman
2nd Lt. Matthew Remyer
2nd Lt. John W. Rice
2nd Lt. William M. Angle

2nd Lt. Oliver C. Garner

The following officers were transferred to the 791st Sq:

2nd Lt. David A. Keithley
2nd Lt. Charles J. Erceogvac
1st Lt. William H. Hitchcock
1st Lt. Albert V. Rome
1st Lt. Sherman D. Martin
2nd Lt. Donald L. Parvin
2nd Lt. Charles B. Franklin, Jr.
1st Lt. Louis H. Greiner
1st Lt. Milton C. Munaugh
Capt. Arthur R. Garner
1st Lt. John A. Shetlar
Capt. Robert D. Sheehan
1st Lt. Elbert T. Sablotny
1st Lt. Travis S. Whitsel

2nd Lt. James E. Andrews
1st Lt. Robert E. Dolan
1st Lt. George H. Schwartz
2nd Lt. Arthur E. Lozon
2nd Lt. Joseph W. Cravens
F/O Sol Lepson
Capt. Kenneth G. Ford
1st Lt. Richard B. Hirsch
2nd Lt. Daniel D. Wright
1st Lt. Morton Deutsch
1st Lt. Kenneth S. Penoyer
1st Lt. Anthony R. Smolar
1st Lt. Jesse E. Brooks
2nd Lt. Joseph M. Gehring

2nd Lt. George B. Hollowell

2nd Lt. James F. O'Toole was transferred to the 788th Sq.

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41 Air Medals, 42 Oakleaf Clusters to the Air Medal, 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters to the DFC and 2 Purple Hearts were awarded to men in the squadron during October. The Purple Hearts went to S/Sgt Walter M. Marques and Sgt. Ray E. Sloan.

2nd Lt. Robert J. Curran is Missing in Action.

The squadron had no social functions of its own during October. Cpl Dean F. Shuey and Cpl John Kotema are on the base football team. Anglo-American relations are pretty good; more and more of the men are finding a community of interest with the English. Squadron Morale is fair, the prospect of spending a winter in the WFO caused it to sag a bit this month.

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APPENDIX I

Ship Number	Crew Chief	No. of Missions
42-95057	Kennedy	34
42-95080	Self	59
42-110171	Dunbar	42
42-95237	Reinders	14
42-95273	Dickerson	28
41-29378	Thieke	8
41-29397	Schwab	24
4129408	Minor	16 (Crashed)
42-52534	Randerez	80
42-52571	Conner	50
* 42-52280	Schwab	10
* 42-51572	Deal	12
* 41-40455	Cook	6
* 41-40500	Minor	4
* 42-95201	Conner	1
* 42-95224	Harder	
* 42-52303	Harder	
* 41-28962	Reinders	
**44-40070	Cook	11
**42-95094	Conner	26
**4295154	Reinders	2
**41-29270	Thieke	19
** 42-51354	Harder	6
**41-29380	Harder	
**41-29446	Deal	18
**42-52556	Dickerson	26

* Added to the squadron during October

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From August 13, 1944 to October 31, 1944 the squadron had 224 sorties without an abortion.

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1 NOVEMBER 1944 - 30 NOVEMBER 1944

THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, 1 NOVEMBER 1944 TO 30 NOVEMBER 1944 MARKED THE 8TH FULL MONTH OF COMBAT OPERATION FOR THE 790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 467TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) IN THE ETO. IN THAT MONTH THE SQUADRON FLEW 12 COMBAT MISSIONS AND WERE CREDITED WITH 97 SORTIES. ONE PLANE WAS LOST ON 10 NOVEMBER 1944 ON THE MISSION TO HANAU, GERMANY.

A NUMBER OF OFFICERS WERE PROMOTED DURING THE MONTH: 2ND LTS BARKER, LASZLO, PATTEN, RICE, ROSENTHAL, SHAVER, UNDER, KEYES, BICKEL AND MC TYRE WERE PROMOTED TO 1ST LTS. 1ST LTS. BROOKS, BRANDON, ENDRESS, TAYLOR KAYNOR AND MANNING ARE NOW CAPTAINS. F/O MANULIEAN WAS COMMISSIONED A 2ND LT.

REPLACEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMING THICK AND FAST;

DEUTSCH, MARSHAL E., 2ND LT
DESSEN, HERBERT C., 2ND LT
FOSTER, DAVID W. 1ST LT. & CREW
BARRY, LEARNED W. 2ND LT. & CREW
MC ARTHUR, JOHN T. JR. F/O & CREW
SEVERANCE, JOSEPH, CAPT. & CREW
SCHELLHAS, KURT T., 2ND LT & CREW

THE FOLLOWING MEN HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TOUR OF DUTY AND HAVE BEEN RELIEVED FROM ACTIVE COMBAT DUTY:

BICKEL, JONATHAN R. 1ST LT.
BRISON, GEORGE B. S/SGT
CEDERGREN, HAROLD W. CAPT.
FARRELL, BERNARD J. S/SGT
GILMORE, GARDNER H. T/SGT
HELMS, RICHARD D. S/SGT
KINNAUGH, MILTON C. 1ST LT.
MEINTZ, HAROLD D. S/SGT
SHERON, CYRIL S/SGT
STONE, HAYDON H. S/SGT
WENTZ, MALCOLM A. T/SGT
YOUNG, GLEN D. 1ST LT.

BOSKO, JOHN P. S/SGT
CASSEDY, WILLIAM A. T/SGT
COX, WADE H. S/SGT
FISHER, HARRY M. JR. 2ND LT.
HARRIS, DAVID H. T/SGT
HITCHCOCK, W.K. 2ND LT.
MC TYRE, RAYMOND M. 1ST LT.
REYNOLDS, ROBERT J. S/SGT
STANDER, FRANCIS J. 2ND LT.
TOPICH, ROBERT T/SGT
WING, LINDLEY A. 1ST LT.

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THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE 70TH
REPLACEMENT DEPOT:

FISHER, HARRY M. JR. 1ST LT
GEDERGREN, HAROLD W., CAPT.
MULHERAN, JOSEPH G., CAPT.
DUNIGEN, DAVID J., JR. 1ST LT.
SPOUSE, DONALD W. 1ST LT.
STANDER, FRANCIS J., 1ST LT.

ON 10 NOVEMBER 1944 THE SQUADRON WENT TO HANAU, GERMANY,
ONE PLANE FAILED TO RETURN. THE CREW:

UNGERER, WAYNARD M. JR. 2ND LT.
MC DONALD, JAMES G. 2ND LT
WINEBRENNER, PAUL J. 2ND LT.
YOUNG, LLOYD C. S/SGT
MC GRATH, VINCENT J. SGT
QUIGLEY, JAMES, SGT
WEINDEL, ARTHUR, SGT
REEVES, CLARENCE F. SGT
SWANBERG, AMES M. SGT.

ON THE 25TH NOVEMBER GLENN J. HONN, S/SGT, WAS WOUNDED.

WORD WAS RECEIVED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS THAT 2ND
LT. DAVID E. LOVE AND S/SGT JOHN D. COLLINS, MISSING IN ACTION,
SINCE 6TH AUGUST 1944 ARE PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY.

SEVENTEEN AIR MEDALS, 69 CLUSTERS TO THE AIR MEDAL AND SIX
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSSES WERE AWARDED IN NOVEMBER.

TWO EM, SGT MARIO FOG AND CPL MARVIN HISSENZONE WERE MARRIED
SINCE WE ARRIVED HERE, AND SEVERAL MORE ARE PENDING. ANGLO-
AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE GOOD, AND THE SQUADRON MORALE IS HIGH.
THE MEN ARE TAKING AN INTEREST IN ^{SOCIAL ACTIVITIES} ~~THINGS~~ OUTSIDE THE BASE, AND IN
SUCH GROUP ACTIVITIES AS THEATRICALS AND SPORTS.

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THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, 1 DECEMBER 1944 TO 31 DECEMBER 1944 MARKED THE NINTH FULL MONTH OF OPERATION FOR THE 790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 467TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) IN THE ETO. DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER THE SQUADRON FLEW 15 MISSIONS AND WAS CREDITED WITH 112 SORTIES.

THE STATUS OF PILOTS ON 31 DECEMBER 1944 STOOD AS FOLLOWS:

#CARNER 18	MEYERS 5
RICE 20	PHILLIPS 3
MILLIGAN	WILLIS 1
ROSENTHAL 15	ROSS 18
BARRY 3	GRAHAM 23
MC ARTHUR 2	EPTING 24
DAVIS 12	LACKENS 34
LASZLO 20	PATTON 21
RIDGWAY 1	SEVERANCE 4
MC FARLAND 8	WOODIS 28
LEATHERS 2	MC CABE

COMMAND PILOTS

MAJOR HOLDREGE 27 CAPT. CAMPBELL 29 LT. ROTHCHILD 17

2ND LT JOHN D. MILLIGAN, 2ND LT CHARLES J. MC CABE, 1ST LT ROBERT H. WILLIS AND CAPT WILLIAM B. RIDGWAY AND THEIR CREWS WERE ASSIGNED TO THE 790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON DURING DECEMBER.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE PROMOTED DURING DECEMBER 1944

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
RITTER, JAMES F.	CAPT.	MAJOR
BARBER, WILLIAM H.	1ST LT	CAPT.
CARNER, OLIVER C.	2ND LT	1ST LT
MOSELEY, JOHN R.	"	"
ROSS, JOHN K.	"	"
MEYER, HENRY E.	"	"
RAY, THEODORE E., JR.	"	"
COMFORT, DUANE A.	"	"
BUCK, JAMES G.	"	"
FRIEDMAN, SEYMOUR	F/O	2ND LT
WHITE, LONNIE B., JR.	F/O	2ND LT

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790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON HISTORY (CONT'D)

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE SQUADRON:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED TO</u>
FISCHER, WALTER, W. F/O	788 BOMB SQ. (H)
BUCK, JAMES G. 1ST LT	70TH REPL CONTROL DEPOT
GRAY, S.T. 1ST LT	" " " "
MC ILVAIN, JOSEPH 1ST LT	" " " "
BRANDON, CHARLES H. CAPT.	" " " "
DEARDORFF, CHARLES E. 1ST LT	" " " "
BICKEL, JOHATHAT R. 1ST LT	" " " "

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN HAVE FINISHED THEIR TOUR OF DUTY IN THE ETO:

CALDWELL, CHARLES H. F/O	BALDWIN, JOSEPH P. S/SGT
ARNOLD, STEPHEN H. T/SGT	BRANDON, CHARLES H. CAPT.
BUCK, JAMES G. 2ND LT.	CASEY, ALBERT L. S/SGT
CLAWSON, CHARLES H. S/SGT	CLAYMAN, HARRY L. S/SGT
DEARDORFF, CHARLES E. 1ST LT	DOWNEY, JAMES C. SGT
EBERLINE, JAMES H. S/SGT	FRANCIS, ALLAN L. S/SGT
GRAY, S. T., JR. 1ST LT	LACZYNSKI, EDMUND S/SGT
LAISZURE, KENNETH E. T/SGT	LOVELESS, GEORGE E. 1ST LT.
MARSH, LLOYD W. T/SGT	MC ILVAIN, JOSEPH 1ST LT
MEYERS, HENRY E. 1ST LT.	MILLER, JOHN C. T/SGT
O'NEIL, WARREN G. H. S/SGT	REGAN, BERNARD C. T/SGT
SHAVER, MAX 1ST LT.	SIGLER, JAMES C. SGT
	TOGNARINI, CLARENCE T/SGT

EIGHT AIR MEDALS AND EIGHTYTHREE OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO THE
 AIR MEDAL WERE AWARDED TO MEN IN THE 790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON.

THE CONTINUED AIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANY TOOK ITS TOLL
 AMONG THE COMBAT MEN OF THE SQUADRON. ON DECEMBER 24, 1944 SGT.
 DENVER C. LOBERG WAS KILLED IN ACTION. ON DECEMBER 29, 1944 TWO
 PLANES CRASHED AT WROXAM HALL ON THE TAKEOFF FOR AN OPERATIONAL
 MISSION TO PRUN, GERMANY AND THE FOLLOWING MEN WERE KILLED IN
 ACTION:

SCHELLHAS, KURT F. 2ND LT	WILLIAMS, ROBERT L. SGT
PHENCER, CLIFFORD A. F/O	FOSTER, DAVID W. 1ST LT.
HAGIST, RICHARD S. F/O	CHRISTIAN, LEWIS C. 2ND LT.
FEARON, JOSEPH F. SGT	MASIAC, ROBERT J. S/SGT
MONTICK, ALBERT SGT	CLOSE, DUANE R. SGT
BYERS, LEWIS SGT	VAUGHT, BERTIE M. JR. SGT
KALLER, KARL J. SGT	MATEREWICZ, EDWARD R. SGT

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THE FOLLOWING MEN WERE WOUNDED IN ACTION 29 DECEMBER 1944:

SMITH, FRANK M. 2ND LT

PLASKIEWIZ, CLEMENT F/O

THE SQUADRON DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY STRICTLY SQUADRON SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. THE BASE HAS INITIATED AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND A NUMBER OF MEN IN THE SQUADRON HAVE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BECOME INSTRUCTORS IN THE PROGRAM.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS CONTINUE EXCELLENT, AND MORE AND MORE SOCIAL INTERCOURSE TAKES PLACE BETWEEN THE AMERICANS AND THE ENGLISH.

SINCE THE 790TH BECAME OPERATIONAL THE SQUADRON HAS LOST TWENTY PLANES, 12 TO ENEMY ACTION, 8 TO OTHER CAUSES.

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The month of January marked the tenth full month of operations for the 790th Bombardment Squadron, 467th Bombardment Group (H), in the ETO. From 1 January to 31 January 1945, the squadron flew 12 missions and was credited with 35 sorties. The status of pilots as of 31 January was as follows:

Lt. Carner (22)	Lt. Willis (1)
Lt. Rice (24)	Lt. Crump (1)
Lt. Mulligan (2)	Lt. Graham (27)
Lt. Rosenthal (19)	Lt. Epting (29)
Lt. Barry (5)	Lt. Ross (20)
Lt. Davis (14)	Lt. Barker (21)
Lt. Upp (0), Training	Lt. Patton (25)
Lt. Reid (1)	Lt. Jones (10)
Lt. Wilson (1)	Lt. Woodis (32)
Lt. Breckel (1)	Lt. McFarland (12)
Lt. Meyers (10)	Lt. Leathers (6)
Lt. Phillips (8)	Lt. McCabe (2)

The status of Command Pilots was as follows:

Major Holdrege (29) Capt. Conley (26) Capt. Rothchild (20)
Capt. Severance (4) Capt. Ridgway (2)

The following officers were promoted during January:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Rothchild, Aubrey E.	1st Lt.	Capt.
Arnita, Elias L.	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.
Frazer, George E.	"	"
Zeichick, Norman	"	"
McFarland, James W., Jr.	"	"
Deutsch, Marshal E.	"	"
Dewey, John D.	"	"
Stone, Robert M., Jr.	"	"
Newmyer, Matthew T.	"	"
Rountree, Charles I., Jr.	"	"
Caldwell, Charles H.	P/O	2nd Lt.
Weltman, Bernard H.	"	"

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2nd Lt. Alvah D. Reid, 2nd Lt. George L. Crump, 2nd Lt. John W. Upp, and 2nd Lt. Joseph C. Wilson and their crews were assigned to the squadron during January. Also transferred into the squadron during the month were Capt John E. Conley, 1st Lt. Warren B. Shusaker, 1st Lt. Loren L. Roush, 2nd Lt. William W. Swink, and P/O Robert F. Herman.

The following men were transferred out of the squadron;

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED TO</u>
Mosley, John R., 1st Lt. and crew	791st Bomb Sq. (H)
Wilson, Henry M., 2nd Lt.	" "
Manning, Addison B., Capt.	" "
Robinson, Walter J., 2nd Lt.	" "
Perlautter, Joseph G., 2nd Lt.	" "
Meyer, Henry E., 1st Lt.	70th Repl Control Depot
Loveless, George E., 1st Lt.	" " " "
Shaver, Max, 1st Lt.	" " " "
McTyre, Raymond M., 1st Lt.	" " " "
Campbell, Richard J., Capt.	" " " "
Comport, Duane A., 1st Lt.	" " " "
Wing, Lindley A., Jr., 1st Lt.	" " " "
Young, Glenn D., 1st Lt.	" " " "
McKenzie, Robert L., 1st Lt.	" " " "
Laszlo, Geza, 1st Lt.	" " " "
Friedman, Seymour, 2nd Lt.	" " " "
Garver, Richard M., P/O	" " " "

The following officers and enlisted men finished their tour of duty in the ETO during this period:

McKenzie, Robert L., 1st Lt.	T/Sgt John F. Segalla
Friedman, Seymour, 2nd Lt.	T/Sgt John A. O'Brien
Campbell, Richard J., Capt.	T/Sgt David H. Harris
Shaver, Max, 1st Lt.	T/Sgt Carl M. Peterson
Loveless, George E., 1st Lt.	T/Sgt Lloyd W. Marsh
Wing, Lindley A., Jr., 1st Lt.	T/Sgt Thomas T. O'Brien
Laszlo, Geza, 1st Lt.	T/Sgt Clarence Tognarini
Lackens, Edwin, 1st Lt.	S/Sgt James C. Sigler
McTyre, Raymond M., 1st Lt.	S/Sgt James C. Downey
Comport, Duane A., 1st Lt.	S/Sgt Glenn D. Honn
Young, Glenn D., 1st Lt.	S/Sgt Edmund Laczynski
Meyer, Henry E., 1st Lt.	P/O Richard M. Garver

The following officers and enlisted men were killed on 22 January 1945 when their plane crashed on a training flight one mile east of AAF Station 123:

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P/O John T. McArthur Jr.
P/O James R. Prendergast
P/O Otto W. Stokes
S/Sgt Clarence J. Rockford
Sgt Leonard B. Rostowski

Sgt Floyd W. Erickson
Sgt William A. Walker
Sgt John F. O'Malley Jr.
Sgt Frank C. Wassow

During the month of January, one Distinguished Flying Cross, two Purple Hearts, twenty-nine Air Medals, ninety-five Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, and one Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star were awarded to men of the 790th Bombardment Squadron.

On the mission to Hallendorf, Germany, 14 January 1945, the 790th Liberator "Witchcraft" completed its' one hundredth mission without once having to turnback due to mechanical failure.

"Witchcraft" has been crewed by S/Sgt Joe Ramirez since the ship joined the squadron at Wendover Field, Utah. During six hundred and sixty-five hours of combat "Witchcraft" has suffered more than three hundred flak holes yet no one on board has ever been killed or wounded. Sgt. Ramirez was presented an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Bronze Star by Major General Kopner, commander of the Second Air Division, and his Assistants, S/Sgt George Doss, Sgt. Raymond Betcher, Cpl. Joseph Vetter, and Cpl. Walter Elliott were presented Certificates of Meritorious Achievement at ceremonies conducted immediately after "Witchcraft" landed from number one hundred.

There were no strictly squadron activities during this period but the advent of the "On the Base Educational Program" saw many members of the squadron either devoting their off-duty hours as instructors or taking advantage of some of the courses offered.

The first of the year the MCC Club began admitting members of the fourth grade and many, who were less fortunate in the past, now enjoy the facilities of the club.

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Anglo-American relations continue excellent, and more and more social intercourse takes place between the Americans and British.

Since the 790th Bombardment Squadron became operational, the squadron has lost twenty-one planes, twelve to enemy action and nine to other causes.

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HISTORY OF THE SEVEN HUNDRED NINETEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 1 FEBRUARY 1945 TO 28 FEBRUARY 1945

The period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945 marked the tenth full month of operations for the 790th Bombardment Squadron, 467th Bombardment Group (H) in the ETO. During this time the squadron flew nineteen missions and was credited with one hundred and thirty-two sorties.

The status of pilots as of the 28 February was as follows:

Lt. Carner (26)	Lt. Phillips (12)
Lt. Rice (32)	Lt. Willis (8)
Lt. Rosenthal (27)	Lt. Crump (6)
Lt. Davis (24)	Lt. Ross (24)
Lt. Upp (7)	Lt. Barker (29)
Lt. Reid (10)	Lt. Jones (16)
Lt. Wilson (4)	Lt. McFarland (19)
Lt. Breckel (6)	Lt. Leathers (9)
Lt. Moyers (17)	Lt. McCabe (7)

The status of Command Pilots was as follows:

Capt. Veverka (4)	Maj. Conley (27)	Capt. Rothchild (23)
Capt. Severance (8)		

As of the last of the month the squadron had seven assigned crews that had not become operational. All these crews were going through the usual pre-operational training which includes ground school, practice missions etc.

Maj. Fred E. Holdrege Jr., Commanding Officer of the 790th Bombardment Squadron since October 1943, finished his tour of duty in the ETO on the mission to Bielefeld, Germany 24 February 1945. Maj. Holdrege was the first squadron commander in the Group to complete his missions. Capt. Eugene W. Veverka was transferred into the squadron on 15 February 1945 from the 768th Bombardment Squadron, 467th Bombardment Group (H), and became the new comman-

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der on 27 February 1945.

The following officers were promoted during February 1945:

NAME	FROM	TO
John E. Conley	Capt.	Maj.
Harold W. Larson	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.
William K. Prye	" "	" "
John J. Schlager	" "	" "
Robert A. Meyers	" "	" "
Leslie W. Dining	" "	" "
Bernard H. Weltman	" "	" "
Hinton L. Williamson	" "	" "

1st Lt. Alfred P. Wheelock, 2nd Lt. James C. Coffey, 2nd Lt. Ireland E. Barrang, 2nd Lt. G. E. Johnston Jr., 2nd Lt. Jessie D. Thomas, 2nd Lt. Norman E. Aberts Jr., and 2nd Lt. Edward A. Sadonis and their crews were transferred into the squadron during this period. Also assigned to the squadron were Capt. Eugene W. Veverka, Capt. Raymond W. Sullivan, Capt. Merle B. Turner, and 1st Lt. Forrest D. Brown.

The following men were transferred out of the squadron:

NAME	TRANSFERRED TO
Maj. Fred E. Holdrege Jr.	Hqs. Det. 457th Bomb Gp.
Capt. Jesse E. Brooks	70th Repl. Control Depot
Capt. Donald D. Kaynor	" " " "
1st Lt. Edwin B. Lacksons	" " " "
2nd Lt. Charles E. Caldwell	" " " "
Capt. William B. Ridgway	788th Bomb Sqdn (H)
2nd Lt. Walter W. Weaver	" " " "
2nd Lt. Watson F. Bowman	" " " "
2nd Lt. Leonard W. Barry and crew	791st Bomb Sqdn (H)
1st Lt. Boyd L. Woodis Jr.	436th Par Eng Gp
2nd Lt. Frank W. Smith	65th General Hosp
P/O Clement V. Plaskiewicz	DOP 4210 USA Hosp

The following officers and enlisted men finished their tour of duty in the 570 during this period:

Maj. Fred E. Holdrege Jr.	T/Sgt Carl F. Pauer
Capt. Donald D. Kaynor	T/Sgt Robert C. Ford
Capt. Jesse E. Brooks	S/Sgt Robert E. Allen

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1st Lt. Edwin B. Leckens
1st Lt. Boyd L. Woodis Jr.
T/Sgt Pasquale Cataloni
T/Sgt Joseph P. Nogan
T/Sgt Richard V. Hall
T/Sgt William A. Cassidy Jr.
T/Sgt John J. Pernols

S/Sgt James W. Bowser
S/Sgt Joseph J. Merchner
S/Sgt William F. Cooper
S/Sgt Percy B. Wiler
S/Sgt John W. Dougherty
S/Sgt Robert J. Holtmeier

On the mission to Gsnabruck, Germany 16 February 1945, one aircraft of this squadron failed to return. The following men are Missing in Action:

2nd Lt. John D. Mullican
2nd Lt. Jay S. Young
P/O William J. Caselton
Sgt. Walter M. Dies
Sgt. Mervyn Levin

Sgt. Carl M. Pratt
Sgt. Matt J. Brletich
Sgt. William H. Willis
Sgt. Leonard R. Tomaski
S/Sgt Francis W. Connor Jr.

During the month of February one Distinguished Flying Cross, one Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross, twenty-one Air Medals, thirty Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, and one Bronze Star were awarded to men of the 780th Bombardment Squadron.

Only four men were transferred out of the squadron as Infantry replacements this month. Meanwhile, in keeping with the policy of relieving certain Ground Force casualties from front line combat and assigning them to the Air Force, a number of former Infantry men joined the squadron.

There were no strictly squadron activities this month but a number of men are still very much interested in the "On the Base Educational Program".

Since the 780th Bombardment Squadron became operational the squadron has lost twenty-two planes. Thirteen to enemy action and nine to other causes.

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APPENDIX 1 TO 790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON HISTORY

ON THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 1945 THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN "UNIT NEWS", IN THE "STARS AND STRIPES".

467TH BOMB GROUP--FIGHTING ITS WAY THROUGH INTENSE FLAK TO HAMMER THE HERMANN GOERING STEEL WORKS SOUTH OF BRUNSWICK SUNDAY, THE LIBERATOR "WITCHCRAFT", PILOTED BY 1/LT CASEY LASZLO, OF ELWOOD CITY, PA., CARVED ITSELF A PIECE OF 8TH AIR FORCE HISTORY BY BECOMING THE FIRST LIB IN THE 8TH TO COMPLETE 100 MISSIONS WITHOUT AN ABORT.

IT WAS A GALA OCCASION AT THIS BASE. AS THE "WITCH" ROUNDED OUT THE CENTURY, T/SGT CARL PETERSON, OF MIDVALE, UTAH, FINISHED HIS TOUR OF 35 MISSIONS AS ENGINEER. W/SGT JOE RAMIREZ, OF LOS ANGELES, GROUND CREW CHIEF, WAS GIVEN AN OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO HIS BRONZE STAR AND HIS CREW WAS COMMENDED BY MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM KEPNER, CG OF THE 2ND BOMB DIVISION.

IT WAS MORE OR LESS A ROUTINE MISSION IN PERFECT FLYING WEATHER AND UNEVENTFUL UNTIL THE TARGET WAS REACHED. THERE NAZI ACK-ACK SPAT ANGRILY AND FROM THE WAIST WINDOW IT SEEMED AS IF A SOLID UMBRELLA OF FLAK HAD BEEN OPENED OVER THE PLANT. BUT THE "WITCHCRAFT" AND OTHER B24S OF THE 467TH DRONED THROUGH TO PLASTER THE TARGET FOR WHAT COL. ALBERT SHOWERS, GROUP COMMANDER, FROM MADISON, WIS., CALLED ONE OF THE BEST DAYS THE GROUP EVER HAD.

WHEN THE WITCH SAT DOWN ON THE HOME STRIP, THE LACONIC RAMIREZ WHO TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN THE SHIP AND SLEEPS IN A SMALL HUT BESIDE IT, REMARKED SIMPLY, "GOOD OLD WITCH: HE MADE IT." THEN EVERYONE FROM THE HIGH BRASS DOWN TO KPS WAS TOLD, "SHE'S A GOOD SHIP."

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APPENDIX #1 (CONT'D)

THOSE WHO PITCHED IN WITH RAMIREZ TO CREW THE WITCH ON ITS RECORD TOUR ARE: S/SGT GEORGE V. DONG, OF CORDHADO, CAL.; SGT RAYMOND E. BETCHER, OF MT. CLEMENS, MICH.; AND CPL'S. JOE VETTER, OF MERRICK, N.Y. AND WALTER ELLIOT, OF ST. LOUIS.

LT. LASZLO'S FLIGHT CREW, BESIDES PETERSON, INCLUDE LT. MATHEW NEMEYER, OF TOLEDO, CO-PILOT; LT. ROBERT STONE OF ODESSA, TEX., NAVIGATOR; SGT JAMES CROSBELL, OF ATLANTA, GA., BOMBARDIER; S/SGT RICHARD HALL, OF DAYTON, OHIO, RADIO OPERATOR; AND S/SGT JOE KERCHNER OF MORRIS, PA., JOHN DOHERTY, OF SPRINGFIELD, MASS., AND JOE PETERSON, OF KILGUTH, TEX., GUNNERS.

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This period marked one full year of operations for the 790th Bombardment Squadron (H), 467th Bombardment Group (H) in the ETO. The stepped-up air offensive for the final blow to knockout German industry was responsible for the squadron flying twenty-four (24) missions during the month of March. In April only fifteen (15) missions were flown and during the whole period the squadron was credited with 319 sorties.

The status of pilots as of 30 April was as follows:

Lt. Johnston (12)	Lt. Willis (32)
Lt. Bartelt (22)	Lt. Crump (34)
Lt. Smith (25)	Lt. Jelenis (18)
Lt. Coffey (14)	Lt. Alberts (9)
Lt. Wheelock (10)	Lt. Harrang (14)
Lt. Steele (8)	Lt. Leathers (30)
Lt. Wilson (26)	Lt. Upp (25)
Lt. Jansen (9)	Lt. Jones (30)
Lt. Meyers (35)	Lt. Thomas (12)
Lt. Phillips (32)	Lt. Christie (5)
	Lt. Ferree (32)

The status of Command Pilots was as follows:

Capt. Veverian (8) Capt. Bethchild (30) Capt. Sovereance (17)

The following officers were promoted during this period:

NAME	FROM	TO
Loren I. Boush	1st Lt.	Captain
William M. Angle	2nd Lt.	1st Lt.
Marvin E. Davis	" "	" "
James R. Horak	" "	" "
Leo L. Jones	" "	" "
Clyde E. McManis Jr.	" "	" "
Donald J. Schmidt	" "	" "
Richard O. Russell	" "	" "
Morton G. Edwards	" "	" "
Charles S. Adkins	" "	" "
Steve J. Maznie	" "	" "
Leon Mannellian	" "	" "
Oscar L. Leathers	" "	" "
Caswell P. Neal	" "	" "
Robert E. Bush	" "	" "
Henry J. Storey	" "	" "
Joseph G. Dzenewagis	" "	" "
Geoffery G. Gregory	" "	" "
Stanley A. Spinnaber	" "	" "
William A. Breckel	" "	" "
Joseph C. Wilson	" "	" "
Glen L. Hedge	" "	" "

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First Lt. Lewis W. Christie, 2nd Lt. John T. Cockrell, and 2nd Lt. Legend G. Steele Jr. and their crews were transferred into the squadron during this period. Capt. James D. Hudson, 1st Lt. Warren B. Shumaker, 1st Lt. John E. Moseley, 1st Lt. Frederick J. Jansen, 1st Lt. Forrest D. Brown, 2nd Lt. Benjamin H. Beard, 2nd Lt. Willard M. Brown Jr. also joined the organization during this period.

The following men were transferred out of the squadron:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED TO</u>
Maj. John E. Conley	791st Bomb Sqdn
1st Lt. Charles S. Adkins	70th Repl. Cont. Dep.
1st Lt. John L. Schlager	" " " "
1st Lt. William A. Breckel	BPO 4209 USA HP APO 587
1st Lt. Donald M. Rosenthal	70th Repl. Cont. Dep.
1st Lt. Richard O. Russell	" " " "
1st Lt. Elias L. Arnita	" " " "
1st Lt. Julian L. Clark Jr.	" " " "
1st Lt. Geoffrey G. Gregory	" " " "
2nd Lt. John T. Cockrell and crew	453rd Bomb Group
1st Lt. Emmet F. Spencer Jr.	788th Bomb Sqdn

The following officers and enlisted men finished their tour of duty during this period:

1st Lt. Charles S. Adkins	S/Sgt John H. Milton
1st Lt. John L. Schlager	S/Sgt Albert H. Cochiusse
1st Lt. Donald M. Rosenthal	S/Sgt Nelson M. Jobst
1st Lt. Richard O. Russell	S/Sgt Earl P. Clark
1st Lt. Elias L. Arnita	T/Sgt Edward T. Maxwell
1st Lt. Julian L. Clark Jr.	S/Sgt Finlay P. Bowling
1st Lt. Geoffrey G. Gregory	S/Sgt James A. Ogilvie
T/Sgt John E. Schmidbauer	S/Sgt Sherman G. Manchester
S/Sgt Duane W. Myers	S/Sgt Edward H. Kohut
S/Sgt Thomas T. Powell	T/Sgt Rual B. Brown Jr.
S/Sgt Everest H. Bailey Jr.	T/Sgt Harold Felder
S/Sgt Marie P. Antetomaso	S/Sgt William M. Wells Jr.
T/Sgt John L. Deling	S/Sgt Lovell J. Danner
S/Sgt Carl Johnson	S/Sgt Ralph J. Beauchamp
S/Sgt Chester P. York	T/Sgt Godney Katz
S/Sgt Lyman B. Waigle	T/Sgt Thomas M. Devlin
S/Sgt Albert J. Steffen	T/Sgt Lloyd A. Gilbertson
S/Sgt Nathaniel Ligels	S/Sgt Edwin J. Carbyshak
T/Sgt Wilbur A. Howell	S/Sgt Richard S. Parent
S/Sgt William J. Chack	S/Sgt Dale B. Blevins
S/Sgt Robert E. Colt	Sgt. Raymond J. Cantois
T/Sgt Arthur A. Corn	1st Lt. Robert M. Stone Jr.
S/Sgt Harold L. Van Zandt	

On the mission to Magdeburg, Germany 2 March 1945 the squadron lost one ship flown by Lt. A. H. Heid. Recently when our Ground Forces over-ran a P/W Camp two crew members were liberated and one still remains a Prisoner of War. The remaining members of the crew were killed in action. Crew members and their status are listed below.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Lt. A. H. Reid	KIA
F/O G. F. Shurtz	KIA
F/O R. W. Hermann	P/W
Sgt. C. E. Ouzik	KIA
Sgt. J. A. Pore	KIA
Sgt. J. T. Watson	KIA
Sgt. E. B. Gibbs	P/W (Liberated)
Sgt. B. A. McGlynn	KIA
Sgt. B. W. Sharkey	P/W (Liberated)

It was also learned that ~~Sgt~~ Sgt. Francis W. Connor who was reported missing in action on the mission to Osnabruck, Germany 16 February 1945 is a Prisoner of War.

During this period one Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross, one hundred twenty-four Air Medals, three hundred and six Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, three Bronze Stars and one Purple Heart were awarded to men of the 790th Bombardment Squadron (H).

On a practice mission on 16 March 1945 Sgt. Carl Whitte was seriously wounded by a .50 calibre shell while ships were test firing. He was transferred to the 231st Station Hospital after receiving preliminary medical care at the station hospital.

On 24 April 1945 all the men who had been awarded the Bronze Star went on a sight-seeing trip to Frankfurt, Germany. The planes landed outside the city itself and the men were transported in to town where they spent the greater part of the day. Everyone who made the trip confirmed the report that Frankfurt is an excellent example of the devastation caused by the Strategic Bombing of the Eighth Airforce.

Since the 790th Bombardment Squadron (H) became operational, the squadron has lost twenty-three planes. Fourteen to enemy action and nine to other causes.

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