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OFFICER OF THE DAY

2 May 1945	1ST LT CLINT JOHNSON JR.
3 May 1945	1ST LT CHARLES W. WRIGHT JR.
4 May 1945	1ST LT HERBERT W. BARRY
5 May 1945	1ST LT WILLARD H. SCHULTZE
6 May 1945	1ST LT MARSHALL DAVIS

CONVOY OFFICER

2ND LT ROBERT SELIGMAN
1ST LT EDWARD R. NOVAK
1ST LT GEORGE E. SMITH
1ST LT FRANK S. BAKER
1ST LT REX W. FLOYD

1. **SOLID FUEL:** 1. Upon advice from the British Air Ministry, the allotment of solid fuel for summer consumption has been reduced from 56 pounds per man per week to 21 pounds per man per week, effective Saturday, 26 April 1945.
 2. Fuel will be delivered to the Mess Halls, Showers, Ablutions, Hospital, Operations Block, Parachute Building, Briefing and Clothing Locker Rooms, and Red Cross ONLY. Any exceptions will have to be approved by the Station Commander.
 3. Coal and coke will not be taken from compounds by unauthorized personnel. Violations are subject to Courts Martial.
2. **V-MAIL:** The APO receives daily a number of V-Mail letters written in pencil that are too faint to photograph. Such letters cannot be processed and will be forwarded by ordinary mail. All personnel are urged to use ink in writing V-mail letters so that they can be properly processed.
3. **"Off Limits" Establishments in 1st Air Division Area:** The following letter from Headquarters, 2d Air Division, File 250.2, dated 25 April 1945, is quoted for the information and compliance of all personnel, this command:
 1. For your information and necessary action, the following establishments have been placed "Off Limits" to all U. S. forces by the Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APO 557:
 - a. The Baron of Beef Public House, Cambridge, Cambs.
 - b. The residence of Mrs. Ethel May Horns, Old Weston Road, Minwick, Huntingdonshire.
 - c. The Railway Inn, Sharnbrook, Beds.
 - d. # 155 High Street, Huntingdon, Hunts.

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- a. Morgans Fish Shop, Northampton, Northants.
- b. #38 Castle Road, Bedford, Beds.
- c. #12 Gold Street, Risley, Beds.
- d. #39 Hazelwood, Northampton, Northants.

"2. The area military police of 1st Air Division have been instructed to apprehend and report all military personnel found in any of the above premises.

"3. Personnel of your command will be notified as to these restricted areas and advised that violation of these restrictions will result in disciplinary action."

- 4. QUARTERMASTER SALES STORE SERVICE: A quartermaster mobile sales unit, handling officers' clothing for sale, will be open for business on the 17th and 18th of May 1945 at this station.
- 5. ORDER OF THE DAY FROM GENERAL EISENHOWER: The following teletype, no. N-026-BB, dated 1 May 1945, from the Commanding General, 2d Air Division, is quoted for the information of all personnel, this command:

"The following order of the day issued by the Supreme Commander 30 April is to be delivered to every member of all headquarters and units under your command:

"To every member of the AAF:
The whole Allied Expeditionary Force congratulates the Seventh Army on the seizure of Munich, the cradle of the Nazi beast. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER."

"KEPNER"

- 6. MESSAGE FROM GENERAL SPAATZ: The following teletype, no. N-027-BB, dated 1 May 1945, from the Commanding General, 2d Air Division, is quoted for the information of all personnel, this command:

"I am sincerely gratified and pleased to transmit to you for the information of all members of your command the following message just received from General SPAATZ:

"The following message has been received from the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces:

"My personal observations together with those of my staff during our European tour inspire this message of congratulations to you and all the men under your command for the superb achievements in the destructive employment of air power. Having seen some of the results with my own eyes, I am profoundly impressed by your accomplishments and proud of the magnificent contributions you and your men have made and are making to the glorious history of the Army Air Forces." --Sgd ARNOLD.

"The achievements which have merited this message are the direct result of the courage and unstinting devotion to duty of you and the men under your command." --Sgd SPAATZ."

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7. MESSAGE FROM GENERAL ARNOLD: The following teletype, no. M-028-BB, dated 1 May 1945, from the Commanding General, 2d Air Division, is quoted for the information of all personnel, this command:

"The following message just received from General Arnold is transmitted to you for your information and dissemination to all members of your command:

"I believe the following memorandum, resulting from my visits with your personnel, will serve a fruitful purpose. It is directed to each member of the Army Air Force and, at your discretion, should be widely publicized:

MEMORANDUM TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE AAF IN
THE ETO AND HTO:

"1. The war against Germany is drawing to a victorious conclusion, and for the manner in which you have waged the air battle in that war I extend my heartiest congratulations to each and every one of you. Concurrently, I should like to dwell a bit on what lies ahead.

"2. Before the peace of the world is secure, it is essential that the full weight of our armed forces be directed against Japan. This is necessary in order that a quick and decisive termination of the struggle in the Pacific may be assured. It will require many of you to augment the increasing strength of the AAF personnel now engaged against Japan. Constant thought and study are being given to the numerous phases of your redeployment, prior to demobilization by all of us here in Washington. Completed plans are even now being implemented. You will be moved just as rapidly as available troop ships and air transports can ply the sea and the air from your ports to the USA and back again.

"3. When the demobilization phase begins, those of you who have served longest in Europe and Africa, with minor exceptions, will return to your homes. However, we must first assure that all the Air Forces, together with their service elements, which will be required for an early decisive victory are brought to bear upon Japan. To do this, those of you having the least service overseas will be returned to the USA for leaves and furloughs at home after which you will be reassembled and given a shakedown training before departing for the Pacific.

"4. The problem of mastering new aircraft will confront many of you as you join the Japanese War. There are differences in the techniques required for the operation and maintenance of the B-29's and other new types. You will find that it takes time to learn them. For this reason your pre-training period in the USA may be extended.

"5. After the violence of the war against Germany, considerable time may be required for the readjustment to peace. A force sufficient to assure this readjustment must, therefore, remain in Europe. Those of you, having served neither the longest nor the least, but who have gained experience sufficient to guarantee the success of such a mission, will make up the occupational air force. Your return to the USA will be possible through replacement and rotation. This will be accomplished at the earliest date practicable but probably not until the termination of the war in the Pacific.

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"16. The toughest part of the next several months will be the waiting period -- waiting for your unit to begin its movement -- waiting for transportation. I realize this full well, but we, assisted by your commanders, will do everything within our power not only to keep you usefully employed but also to provide you with as wide a variety of recreation as it is possible to obtain.

"17. In conclusion, I want you to understand clearly that I am as anxious to see you all go home again as you are to get there. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that there is another job for us to do -- in the Pacific. Some of you, but not all, will be needed for its accomplishment. This job will not be easy, but I am confident that the war against Japan will demonstrate once more the high morals and esprit which has been common to all the Army Air Force personnel throughout the world.
---Sgd ARNOLD."

" K E P N E R "

By order of Colonel SHOMER:

G. W. DARNELL,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Frank J. Hribar
FRANK J. HRIBAR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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1. LOST: Black and green Shaffer fountain pen, lost Saturday, 28 April 1945, somewhere on the station. Finder please return to Opl James Vanderheide, at the Radar Shop.
2. MOVIE SCHEDULE:
Wednesday and Thursday, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"
2 and 3 May 1945
Friday and Saturday,
4 and 5 May 1945 "The Impatient Years"

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