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Outline History + War Diary.

379th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF

SQUADRON HISTORY FOR
MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1943.


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HISTORY

379th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF

Month of December, 1943.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>
1	Day after payday, and the usual rush for passes to town.
2	A cold night, but stoves (self-made) kept the boys warm in their tents.
3	Some men were transferred to a Bombardment Group in Italy and will no doubt see plenty of action.
4	Many Xmas packages started to arrive, with a noticeable uplift in the men's morale!
5	The practice of having movies almost every night in our hangar continues.
6	A Public Address system was installed in our Squadron Area for official notices, news, music and comedy programs, heard during the day.
7	Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Work goes on as determined as ever.
8	New winter clothing was issued, by Supply, and the waiting line was long and started early.
9	A dance for the Group in town. Music was furnished by radio and phonograph. Many French girls from the town attended and a good time was had by all.
10	Routine Activity.
11	Fried chicken was served for dinner, with generous servings!
12	Chicken soup, as an aftermath of yesterday's chicken.
13	General DeGaulle visits the town and drops in at the Base for a while.
14	Men continue to pull plenty of Base Guard duty in XXXXXX addition to their regular duties.
15	PX rations. The usual line of cigarettes and toilet articles.
16	An excellent movie about New York, "City For Conquest." It made many of the boys homesick!
17	Routine Activity.
18	More Xmas packages starting to arrive. 

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DAY	EVENTS
19	Double-feature at the movie in the hangar.
20	Routine Activity.
21	The men went out hunting for "vino" and whatever liquors they could find, in preparation for a Xmas celebration.
22	Routine Activity.
23	Routine Activity.
24	A French choir from a nearby village came around to entertain us with Xmas carols over our Public Address System.
25	Xmas Day. The first overseas for many of the men; the second for others. Turkey was on the menu with all the trimmings; there were free rations of beer, candy and cigarettes. The boys were not boisterous and passed a joyous day.
26	The Squadron started to move up on a hill overlooking the Base, to get away from the mud down in the lower area.
27	Moving was completed and tents set up and the self-made stoves blazing away in the tents, for it was a cold day.
28	A rainy day, and when it finally stopped, our new Area was found to be as muddy as our former location.
29	Routine Activity.
30	Another hunt for "spirits" to celebrate New Years' Eve.
31	The end of another month, and a year filled with plenty of excitement. Some of the boys will never be back with us again, but we will never forget their contributions to the Victory and to the well-being and success of our Squadron!

HISTORY OF 379TH BOMB. SQUADRON DETACHMENT IN LIBYA

DECEMBER 1943

December at Gambut starts off with the very pleasant, mild, sunshine weather we had experienced the previous month. However, as the month wore on we began to get a taste of the unpleasant weather which we had heard about from the British old timers, and which we had begun to doubt. By the end of December we were experiencing sharp, cold winds which blew almost 24 hours of every day, whipping the sand and dust along with it till visibility was restricted to less than 100 ft. Keeping equipment, clothes, or even one's own self clean became a physical impossibility and we soon resigned ourselves to working, eating, and sleeping in the ever present and aggravating dust.

Nevertheless, the month was not without brighter spots. To the total satisfaction of everyone, our food which had been pleasing everyone during the previous month became even better, with an increased supply of fresh meats and vegetables being flown in constantly from Cairo by the ATO. In addition, we acquired a large refrigeration trailer which enabled us to keep our fresh foods in perfect condition. Appropriately enough, our Christmas dinner, agreed upon by all as the best meal they had ever had in the army, was a credit to our mess sergeant. Turkey and all the trimmings, topped off by pie and ice cream, was the object of all this admiration. The ice cream, 20 gallons of it, flown up from Cairo, was secured through the efforts of our executive officer Major Houk.

Nor was December lacking in entertainment. In addition to our motion pictures which we enjoyed almost every night, we had two U.S.O. shows, one consisting of 5 girls and 1 man. On both occasions the troupes remained in camp overnight in tents set up temporarily for their use. After each of the shows, the entertainers were the guests of first the enlisted men's and then the officer's clubs where everyone had the chance to speak for a few moments at least, with an American girl once again. Only men who have been overseas for as long as ours can appreciate what a treat that was.

Another big boost in morale was the result of the generous PX rations sold on December 2nd and 19th and also issued free on Christmas Eve. Liberal quantities of candy, cakes, cigarettes, gum, fruit juices and last but not least, real American canned beer were included. To many of us, this was the first American beer we had tasted for over 15 months. In addition to this a plentiful supply of American Whiskey and scotch was secured, in most part from the British, to be sold in limited quantities at the Officers and enlisted men's clubs. On December 31st, Major Wetzel, our CO authorized a liberal free issue of these "hard drinks" at both clubs and thus enabled most of the men to see the old year out in the proper style.

During the month of December we sent out a total of 25 missions over the Aegean Sea. However the "game" in the way of Jerry Shipping was neither large nor plentiful. Nevertheless our crews turned in a month's score of 9 Caiques, ranging in size from 45 to 200 tons, sunk, one 500 ton M/V damaged, one 100 ton barge sunk, and a 100 ft Naval Auxiliary and a 200 ton barge set on fire. The attack on these

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latter three vessels provided the most eventful and costly mission of the month. This was the second mission which we sent out on December 24th. Our four planes sighted three boats just west of Antiparos Island and twice went in and attacked in spite of intense and very accurate flak which hit and damaged all four planes, wounded four crew members, and killed the co-pilot of one of the planes, 2nd Lt. Lindsey L. McCall. The loss of Lt. McCall was felt by everyone and it definitely dampened any Christmas Spirit that we might have had. He was buried with military honor in Cairo two days later, with a guard of honor headed by our Commanding Officer, Major Wetzel.

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1st Lt., Air Corps
Squadron Intelligence Officer

SECTION II

OPERATIONS...

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HISTORY

379th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

SECTION II...Operations for December, 1943.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TARGET:</u>	<u>No. PLANES:</u>
Dec. 1	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 2	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 4	Sea Sweep	2 miss. 3 & 4 pl. 7
Dec. 5	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 6	Sea Sweep	2 miss. 4 & 4 pl. 8
Dec. 7	Sea Sweep	3 miss. 4 & 4 & 4pl. 12
Dec. 8	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 10	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 11	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 13	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 15	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 16	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 19	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 20	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 22	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 24	Sea Sweep	2 miss. 4 & 4 pl. 8
Dec. 28	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 29	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 30	Sea Sweep	4
Dec. 31	Sea Sweep	4
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Total sorties 99
 Brought Forward 1115
 Grand Total 1214

Total Sqdn. Missions for Month.....25
 Total Sqdn Missions brought forward. 168
 Grand 193
 Total

SECTION III

PERSONNEL CHANGES...



HISTORY

379th Bombardment Squadron (M)

Section III. PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR DECEMBER, 1943.

DATE:

Dec. 1st 1st Lt. John B. McClellan, trfd to 428th Bomb Sq., 310th B.G.

Dec. 3rd The following men from DS to DY, from Oran:

Sgt. William J. Best
 Sgt. Bernard G. Burkart
 Cpl. John G. Grafford
 Cpl. Otis G. Rittman
 PFC Robert F. Brown
 PFC George B. Powell

Aptd Capt. from 1st Lt.: (14 Nov. per ltrs Hq, NATCUSA)
 William J. Schneider
 John G. Persson

Dec. 4th Asgd & joined:
 PFC William M. Gonzalez
 PFC Antonio G. Rodriguez
 PFC Marvin J. Helms

Dec. 5th The following men Dy to DS, El Adem, Libya:

T/Sgt. Robert W. Tischler
 Sgt. Angelo M. Russo
 Cpl. Otis G. Rittman
 Cpl. Philip G. Schoenfeld
 PFC Joseph Y. Bennett
 PFC Joseph S. Pruitt

DS, Bizerte to Dy: T/Sgt. Volney B. Ferguson.

Dec. 6th DS, Bizerte to DS, El Adem, Libya: Capt. Paul Devlin.
 Dy to DS, El Adem, Libya: Cpl. Gilbert Maddox
 PFC Harvey H. Pardue
 Dy to DS, Oran: T/Sgt. Curtis H. Willard
 Sgt. Donald E. Jerdee
 Sgt. Vance B. Reed
 Sgt. Louis C. Salinger
 Sgt. Eugene R. Senter

Dec. 7th The following men trfd to 340th Bomb Gp (M):
 1st Lt. Richard E. Ford 2nd Lt. William L. Tipton
 1st Lt. Albert B. Farry 2nd Lt. Clair J. Clark
 F/O Austin E. Chandler S/Sgt. George E. Renard
 S/Sgt. Jack Rund S/Sgt. Walter F. Fitt
 Sgt. Merrill D. Kelsey Pvt. Eugene N. Hookstra

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Dec. 7th Trfd to 380th Bomb Sq., 310th B.G.: S/Sgt. Clifton L. Brown.

Dec. 8th DS, El Adem, Libya, to dy: Cpl. James R. McDougal.
 DS, Oran, to Dy: T/Sgt. Curtis M. Willard
 Sgt. Donald E. Jerdee
 Sgt. Vance B. Reed
 Sgt. Louis C. Salinger
 Sgt. Eugene R. Senter

Dec. 9th Assigned and joined:
 Pvt. Edward Drzewiecki Pvt. Leon E. Glazer
 Pvt. Joseph F. Powell Pvt. Charles E. Dillon
 Pvt. Louis Schacher PFC Donald R. Nelson
 Pvt. Peter C. Gopshes Pvt. Vernon L. Fieldon

Dec. 11 Dy to DS, Bizerte: T/Sgt. Volney B. Ferguson.

Dec. 12 DS, El Adem, Libya to dy and reasgd to 381st B.S., 310th B.G.:
 S/Sgt. Frank J. Mintus

Dec. 14th The following men, Dy to DS, El Adem, Libya:
 T/Sgt. Martin Benoff S/Sgt. Frederick A. Barber
 Cpl. Emil A. Grippo Cpl. James R. McDougal
 Pvt. Carl A. Grant
 Reasgd to 380th B.S., 310th B.G.:
 1st Lt. George H. Beers
 1st Lt. Robert R. Blades

Trfd to 68th Reconnaissance Group:
 1st Lt. David W. Clay S/Sgt. John E. Durham
 S/Sgt. Richard E. Teeple S/Sgt. Roy I. Wiljanen

Dec. 15th DS, Tobrouk, to Dy: Capt. Paul Devlin
 1st Lt. Edward P. Meehan
 T/Sgt. James W. Scott
 Sgt. Gilbert Maddox
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Dec. 16th DS, El Adem, Libya, to Dy: PFC Harvey H. Fardue.
 Dy to DS, Bizerte: Capt. Paul Devlin.
 Dy to DS, El Adem, Libya:
 1st Lt. Edward P. Meehan T/Sgt. James W. Scott
 M/Sgt. Bryant B. Barron Cpl. Maynard E. Swanson
 Cpl. Herbert L. Wells

The following men Reasgd to 380th B.S., 310th B.G.:
 Capt. John G. Persson Capt. William J. Schneider
 1st Lt. U.G. Alexander 1st Lt. Edward G. Betts
 1st Lt. B.E. Bridges 1st Lt. John C. Kerr
 1st Lt. B.J. O'Meara 1st Lt. Walter J. Rath
 1st Lt. A.I. Sutton 1st Lt. Everett L. Tozier
 2nd Lt. T.F. Conway 2nd Lt. Ray F. Fletcher
 2nd Lt. T.J. Hallahan 2nd Lt. Lawrence S. Heath
 2nd Lt. W.J. Kauric 2nd Lt. Joseph Moore

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2nd Lt. Meade L. Morris, Jr.	2nd Lt. Robert S. Negle
2nd Lt. Albert K. Oechsle	2nd Lt. Thomas H. Phelps
2nd Lt. Earl J. Shaffer	S/Sgt. Edwin D. Axelsson
S/Sgt. Arthur J. Barny, Jr.	S/Sgt. Dino Butori
S/Sgt. Charles A. Campbell	S/Sgt. Roy T. Coleman
S/Sgt. David A. Crocker	S/Sgt. Ken M. Elves
S/Sgt. Elmer J. Markle	S/Sgt. Harry E. McCardle
S/Sgt. Walter E. McQuillen	S/Sgt. Russell E. Robertson
S/Sgt. Joseph E. Shields	S/Sgt. Charles C. Young
S/Sgt. Michael C. Zeller	Sgt. Robert S. Ladd
Sgt. Leonard T. Payne	Pvt. Leo W. Wilson
Sgt. Stanislaus Giach	S/Sgt. Brice C. Davis

Dec. 17th DS, Bizerte, to Dy: Capt. Paul Devlin.

Dec. 18th Dy to DS, Bizerte: Capt. Paul Devlin

Dec. 21st Dy to DS, Casablanca: Woodson D. Edwards, T/Sgt.

Dec. 23rd Dy to DS, Gambut, Libya: 2nd Lt. Jack K. Brown.
DS, Casablanca, to Dy: T/Sgt. Woodson D. Edwards.

Dec. 24th DS, Bizerte, to Dy: Capt. Paul Devlin
T/Sgt. Volney B. Ferguson
DS, Gambut, Libya, to Dy: M/Sgt. Bryant B. Barron.

Dec. 26th Dy to DS, Bizerte: Capt. Paul Devlin
T/Sgt. Volney B. Ferguson

Dec. 28th Trfd to 380th B.S., 310th B.G.: 2nd Lt. Fielding F. West.
Asgd and joined: Sgt. Wayne J. Cassens.
Men, DS Gambut, Libya, aptd 1st Lts as of Nov. 24/43. Auth.
Ltr Hq. NATOUSA dtd 24 Nov./43: 2nd Lt. Richard W. Johnson
2nd Lt. James L. Beavers

Dec. 30th Asgd and joined: S/Sgt. Eli Jaffe
Pvt. William M. Porter
DS Tobrouk to Dy: 2nd Lt. John T. Mohon.

Dec. 31st Dy to DS, Gambut, Libya: Capt. Philip M. Canale, Jr.

SECTION IV

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS.

(No Awards and Decorations came out on General Orders
during the month of DECEMBER, 1943.)

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Outline History ~~War~~ Diary.

379th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF

SQUADRON HISTORY FOR

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1943.

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HISTORY OF THE 379TH BOMB. SQUADRON DETACHMENT IN LIBYA.

NOVEMBER 1943

On November 2nd, the 379th sent a detachment of approximately 90 men to Libya, to begin operations in the Aegean Sea with our new type aircraft, the B25G. Sixteen transport planes were used to carry the detachment and its equipment on this date.. On arrival some of the planes landed at El Adem and the rest landed at Gambut, 50 miles further east. However, impossible field conditions due to weather at Gambut made it necessary to bring the entire detachment together at El Adem the next day, November 3rd, the men moving over by truck.

Setting up camp presented numerous problems. Hearty cooperation was given us by the British forces on the base who loaned considerable tents and other equipment to us. Pitching the tents was one of the toughest jobs as it was impossible to drive stakes deeper than six inches. The entire terrain seemed to be solid rock covered with a thin layer of soil seldom thicker than 5 or 6 inches. This also made it necessary to dig the latrines with a pneumatic drill cheerfully loaned by our British friends.

Under the able command of our Group Commander, Col. Hunter and our Group Operations Officer, Lt. Col. Bower, and with the exceptional cooperation of the British and our own forces in Cairo and Devesoir, we were quickly well established and ready for operations.

Although the location was one of the most desolate and barren yet encountered by us, the morale of the men was definitely very high for probably several reasons. Foremost among these was food. After a steady diet of C rations, corned beef, and sausages for months and months, here in Libya we began to get fresh meats and vegetables, frequently and regularly. In fact, our Thanksgiving dinner on November 25th offered us just about everything we used to have at home, from turkey to pumpkin pie. The entertainment furnished by motion pictures practically every night was another factor. This flow of pictures was abruptly halted on November 20th when the tent containing our projector and films, accidentally caught on fire and burned down. However the projector and films were quickly replaced by our friends at USAFME headquarters in Cairo.

Being rationed on water here was a new experience for us. The supply was very limited and what little we did get had to be driven from Bardia, 80 miles away. On the short ration of 1/2 gallon per day man men could not decide whether to wash in it or drink it. However, one taste of the stuff usually convinced them to use it for washing. A liberal ration of fruit juices from the Quartermaster at nearby Tobruk went a long way toward solving the drinking problem.

The only sad note of the month was struck on November 14th when one of our planes crashed, while flying locally, killing all of its crew who were as follow:

2nd Lt. John C. Minord
2nd Lt. George E. Bennett
2nd Lt. Walter Pyse
S/Sgt. Floyd C. Leeds
S/Sgt. William N. Foster
Sgt. Joseph D. Mead

On November 25th, 40 more 379th men including our Squadron CO, Major Wetzel came down from Phillipville in five B25's as it had been decided that the 379th should entirely take over the operations in Libya under the command of our own Squadron CO. Their stay at El Adem was very abbreviated for the next day, November 26th, the entire detachment moved by truck and plane to Gambut to operate from this new base. The five B25C's and D's which had just come down from Phillipville came in very handy to help move and they ran a shuttle service between Gambut and El Adem practically most of the day.

This time we had all of the equipment we needed and the ground was found to be more receptive to tent stakes, so getting set up here was only a matter of hours. After the hard surface runways at El Adem, the dirt field at Gambut caused much grumbling among the men. However, the big advantage of Gambut was that the 235th RAF Wing, under which we operated, was right on field with us.

During the month of November we ran a total of 14 missions to various parts of the Aegean Sea in search of enemy shipping. Three of these missions succeeded in locating targets. On November 12th, 3 of our planes attacked a convoy of one 4000 ton M/V, one 2000 ton M/V and 5 E boats. Both M/V's and several of the E boats were set on fire as a result of cannon hits scored by our planes in their attack. Again on November 15th, 3 of our planes succeeded in locating a target. This time two small destroyers were sighted and attacked. A direct hit in the boiler room of one of the destroyers, caused it to explode and burst into flame. Two hits were also scored on the second destroyer causing some damage. Our last successful mission of the month was on November 18th when 3 of our planes sank a 140 ft. Caique.

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A small detachment of the 379th Squadron was left behind at the Air Base, at PHILIPPEVILLE, in Algeria. Activities consisted of movies almost every night in our hangar, passes to town, and getting the tents fixed up for the expected cold weather. The men made home-made stoves out of barrels, with attached oil-lines. The meals were very good, with fresh meat more easily obtained due to proximity to a port.

PX rations were plentiful, with the usual line of cigarettes and pipe tobacco, candy and toilet articles. Men were shuttled back and forth between this Base and our detachment in the Middle East. The mail came in more regularly than usual, with Xmas parcels arriving prematurely.

In general, the morale of the men was high, and we were all ready for any orders that might come through to put us back to work at our original jobs for which we had been trained.

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SECTION II.

OPERATIONS.



HISTORY

379TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

SECTION II...Operations for November, 1943.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TARGET:</u>	<u>No. of PLANES:</u>
Nov. 11	Sea Search	2
Nov. 12	" "	3
Nov. 13	" "	2
Nov. 13	" "	2
Nov. 14	" "	4
Nov. 15	" "	3
Nov. 18	" "	3
Nov. 19	" "	3
Nov. 23	" "	3
Nov. 26	" "	3
Nov. 27	" "	3
Nov. 29	" "	2
Nov. 29	" "	2
Nov. 30	" "	<u>7</u>

Total Softies: 39

Brought Fwd.: 1076

Grand Total: 1115

Total Sqdn. Missions for Month... 14

Total Sqdn Missions brought Fwd.: 15

Grand Total: 168

SECTION III.

PERSONNEL CHANGES.

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HISTORY

379TH BOMBARDMENT SQDN.

SECTION III...PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER, 1943.

DATE:-

Nov. 1st Capt. George R. Houk, aptd Major.

Nov. 2nd The following men went on DS to Tobrouk, Libya.:

T/Sgt. L. Christianson	Capt. B.S. Bailey, Jr.
T/Sgt. N.H. Harris	Capt. T.O. Plummer
S/Sgt. H.F. Matousek	2nd Lt. J.T. Mohon
Sgt. G.H. Gregory	M/Sgt. J.R. Swenson
	T/Sgt. J. Babinowitz
	" J.W. Scott
Capt. W.C. Hughes	S/Sgt. R. Glaser
Capt. W.C. Neubauer	" E. Janda
M/Sgt. W.B. Moeller	" W.C. Mahon
" J.H. Peters	" F.H. Maynard
" C.D. Sprinkle	" J.D. Meyers
T/Sgt. A.S. Botko	" K.E. Nelson
" V.H. Brooks	" A.E. Zuk
" P. Dillehay	Sgt. J.B. Morris
" P.S. Hreinson	" A.F. Morris
" O.D. Jackson	" W.H. Romine
" C.J. Johnson	" E. Sanda
" B.J. Rader	Cpl. B.B. Baldi
S/Sgt. O.W. Blosser	" J. Becker
" B.A. Brannon	" S. Bello
" E.S. Davis	" M.G. Blochwitz
" R.A. Kunshier	" A.J. Dina
" J.C. Moore	" L.R. Goins
" C.S. Plant	" H.M. Hill
" H.D. Sample	" H.B. Rowley
" F.W. Walpole	" C.J. Winten
Sgt. R.W. Awve	PFC E.P. Donahue
" K. Baker	" M.G. Davenport
" I.M. Beard	" J.A. Fleming
" C.W. Hickman	" J.F. North
" M.J. Lawless	" H.M. Paulsen
" D.E. Petticord	" B.J. Riddle
" J.E. Sellers	" J. Rumancek
" J.E. Sullivan	" T.E. Sailer
" A.N. Tynan	Pvt. A.F. Bailey
Cpl. W.O. Bennett	" H.E. Carlisle
" T.J. Bierilo	" W.J. De Pue
" P.M. Bronza	" L.R. Redick
	" J. Schopf

Nov. 5th The following men DS, Oudna, #1, Tunisia, trfd to 321st B.G.

1st Lt. J.J. Brady	2nd Lt. R.A. Knodle	2nd Lt. A.A. Famp
2nd Lt. F.W. Abraham	2nd Lt. G.T. Lathrop	2nd Lt. D. Ryder
2nd Lt. H.L. Mastrolanni	2nd Lt. A.H. Topham	2nd Lt. R.G. Werner
S/Sgt. R.J. Corthell	S/Sgt. W.P. Franklin	S/Sgt. L.B. Iverson
S/Sgt. R.L. Maddox	S/Sgt. E.J. Anderson	Sgt. D.J. Fitzgerald
Sgt. J.G. Henrich	Sgt. J.H. Kellner	Sgt. Patrick Thomas
Cpl. W.W. Parrish	Evt. J.W. Nieman	

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Nov. 5th The following men: DS, Oudna, #1, Tunisia, Trfd to 68th Recon. Gp.:

1st Lt. D.L. Fidler
F/O R.M. McCue
S/Sgt. W.H. Maine
S/Sgt. H.W. Pennell
S/Sgt. P.E. Posey, Jr.
PFC T.H. Jeffries

Nov. 20th The following men: DY to DS, Gambut, Libya:

Major M.J. Wetzel	Major G.R. Houk	1st Lt. E.P. Meehan
S/Sgt. J.S. Knight	S/Sgt. J.W. McPherson	S/Sgt. F.J. Mintus
S/Sgt. W.L. Nign	S/Sgt. R.A. Woodin	Sgt. D.F. Barnes
Sgt. A. Gasaway	Sgt. H.H. Maxton	Sgt. G.D. Reeves
Cpl. E.J. Barndt	Cpl. J.R. Bova	Cpl. F.J. Coleman
Cpl. E.W. Dabel	Cpl. F.M. Dooling	Cpl. W.V. Harrold
Cpl. M.P. Jagiello	Cpl. M.J. Kbrak	Cpl. J.R. McDougal
Cpl. Paul Robles	Cpl. L.J. Schank	Cpl. F.J. Seay
Cpl. J. Weinstein	PFC A.H. Armstrong	PFC J.P. Patterson
Pvt. M.P. Chavez	Pvt. R.W. Seaton	

Nov. 20th. The following men: Asgnd to DS, Gambut, Libya:

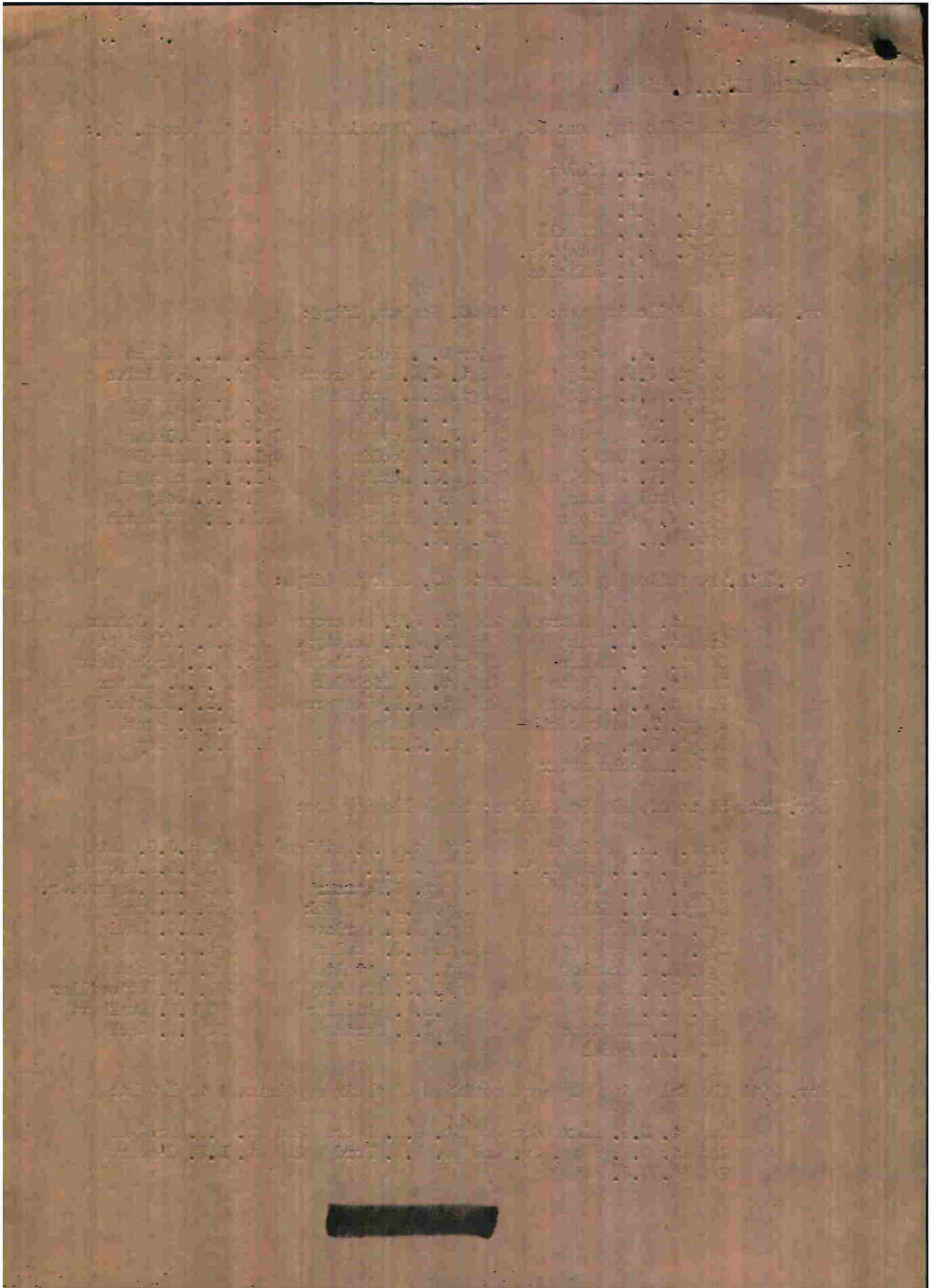
2nd Lt. R.W. Anderson	2nd Lt. J.G. Anderson	2nd Lt. R.W. Johnson
2nd Lt. R.B. Lang	2nd Lt. J.Y. McIntyre	S/Sgt. M.E. Albright
S/Sgt. W.J. Baker	S/Sgt. H.R. Williams	Sgt. W.J. Archambeau
2nd Lt. B.A. Joyce	2nd Lt. J. Nicholas	2nd Lt. E.N. Slater
2nd Lt. J.W. Shook	2nd Lt. J.L. Beavers	S/Sgt. E.R. Lefstad
S/Sgt. T. Barneycastle	Sgt. B. Beals	S/Sgt. R.A. Faust
S/Sgt. D.E. Pyles	S/Sgt. W.J. McConnell	PFC K.D. Vezey
PFC W.A. Hochstatter		

Nov. 25th DY to DS, El Adem, Libya; the Following men:

Capt. R.B. Allison	1st Lt. A.Q. Wettlaufer	M/Sgt. J.G. Watt
1st Lt. E.C. Knight, Jr.	T/Sgt. M.P. Knox	T/Sgt. K.K. Krotzer
S/Sgt. V.W. Davis	S/Sgt. J. Katunar	S/Sgt. M.M. Magnus, Jr.
S/Sgt. A.R. Hill	Sgt. M.J. Bennick	Sgt. L.E. Bundy
Sgt. L.J. Burgess	Sgt. R.B. Carlson	Sgt. M.G. Davis
Sgt. R.L. Hudgens	Sgt. W.J. Lemler	Sgt. R.P. Rader
Sgt. R.E. Scanlon	Sgt. R.R. Stolte	Sgt. A. Wacker
Cpl. J.R. Bauers	Cpl. W.J. Danaher	Cpl. M.J. Dettweiler
Cpl. A.E. Falk	Cpl. S.F. Phillips	PFC R.R. Burkhart
PFC R.E. Eseltine	PFC J.W. Hartz	PFC R.W. Lack
PFC E.H. Rhodes		

Nov. 29th The following men were notified of their appointment to 1st Lt.:

2nd Lt. B.G. Alexander	2nd Lt. G.H. Beers	2nd Lt. B.E. Bridges
2nd Lt. C.F. Ewan, Jr.	2nd Lt. R.W. Ford	2nd Lt. E.J. O'meara
2nd Lt. W.J. Rath		



SECTION IV.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS.



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SECTION IV...AWARDS AND DECORATIONS FOR NOVEMBER, 1943.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 92...Hq., 12th Air Force. DATE: November 18, 1943.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS:

1st Lt. Charles W. Smith
T/Sgt. Harris M. Haskell

GENERAL ORDER NO. 45...Hq., 12th Fighter Command. DATE: November 19, 1943.

AWARD OF AIR MEDAL:

MANFORD J. WETZEL - Major
FRANK J. MINUS - S/Sgt.
LESTER W. EDWARDS - Sgt.
ISOM P. TURNQUIST - Sgt.
JAMES R. McDOUGAL - Cpl.

AWARD OF 1st OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL:

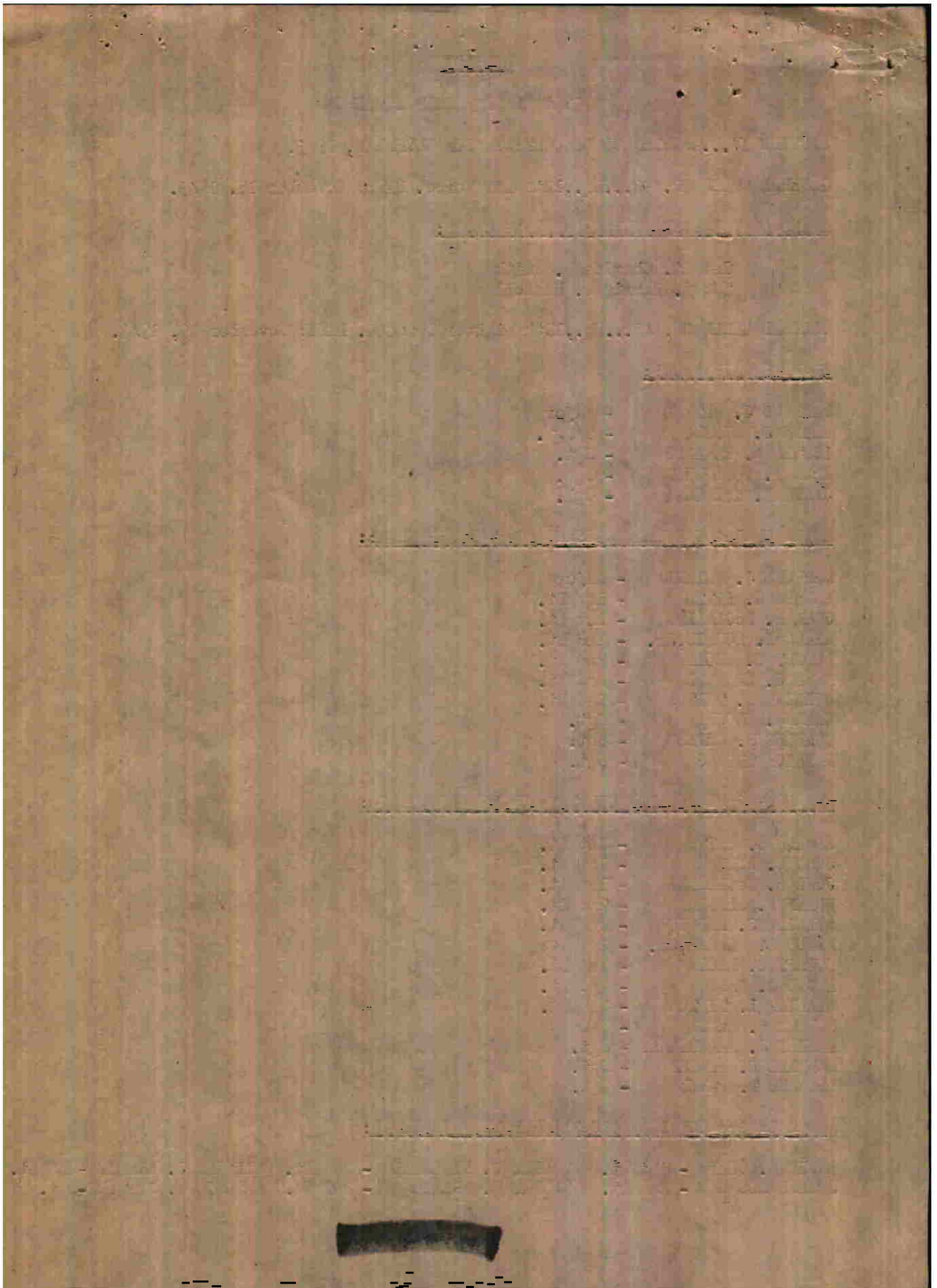
MANFORD J. WETZEL - Major
EDWARD G. BETTS - 1st Lt.
JOHN B. McCLELLAN - 1st Lt.
MEADE L. MORRIS, Jr. - 2nd Lt.
ROBERT S. NEGLE - 2nd Lt.
EARL J. SHAFER - 2nd Lt.
WILLIAM L. TIPTON - 2nd Lt.
CARL R. BROOKE - Sgt.
CHARLES R. MILLER - Sgt.
PATRICK THOMAS - Sgt.

AWARD OF 2nd OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL:

EDWARD G. BETTS - 1st Lt.
JOHN C. KERR - 1st Lt.
JOHN B. McCLELLAN - 1st Lt.
FRANK W. ABRAHAM - 2nd Lt.
WILLIAM J. KAURIC - 2nd Lt.
MEADE L. MORRIS, Jr. - 2nd Lt.
ROBERT S. NEGLE - 2nd Lt.
ARVID A. PAMP - 2nd Lt.
WILLIAM L. TIPTON - 2nd Lt.
ROBERT M. McCUE - F/O
DANIEL J. FITZGERALD - Sgt.
MENRIEL D. KELSEY - Sgt.
LEONARD T. PAYNE - Sgt.

AWARD OF 3rd OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL:

DAVID W. CLAY - 1st Lt. THOMAS J. HALLAHAN - 2nd Lt. WILLIAM J. KAURIC - 2nd Lt.
JOSEPH MOORE - 2nd Lt. THOMAS H. PHELPS - 2nd Lt. ANTONIO M. VENTURA - Sgt.



SECTION IV...Continued...AWARD OF 2ND OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL:

ROBERT G. WERNER, Jr. - 2nd Lt. HARRY E. McARDLE -S/Sgt. EDWARD J. ANDERSON -Sgt.
 STANISLAUS CIGAH -Sgt. JOSEPH H. KELLNER -Sgt.

AWARD OF 5TH OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL:

BENJAMIN E. BRIDGES - 2nd Lt. ALBERT K. OECHSLE - 2nd Lt. ARTHUR H. TOPHAM -2nd Lt.
 ROBERT G. WERNER, Jr. -2nd Lt. FIELDING F. WEST - 2nd Lt. WALTER F. FITT -S/Sgt.

AWARD OF 6TH OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL:

DOUGLAS L. FIDLER - 1st Lt. WILLIAM J. SCHNEIDER -1st Lt. U.G. ALEXANDER -2nd Lt.
 BENJAMIN E. BRIDGES -2nd Lt. THOMAS F. CONWAY -2nd Lt. ALBERT B. FARRY -2nd Lt.
 GERALD T. LATHROP -2nd Lt. ALBERT K. OECHSLE -2nd Lt. B.J. O'MEARA -2nd Lt.
 WALTER J. RATH -2nd Lt. ARTHUR H. TOPHAM -2nd Lt. FIELDING F. WEST -2nd Lt.
 KEN M. ELVES -S/Sgt. GEORGE E. RENARD -S/Sgt.

AWARD OF 7TH OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL:

ROYAL B. ALLISON - Capt. WILLIAM J. SCHNEIDER - 1st Lt. ALVIN I. SUTTON -1st Lt.
 EVERETT L. TOZIER -1st Lt. U.G. ALEXANDER - 2nd Lt. RAY F. FLETCHER -2nd Lt.
 RICHARD E. FORD -2nd Lt. HERBERT I. HASTINGS -2nd Lt. B.J. O'MEARA -2nd Lt.
 ROY L. COLEMAN -S/Sgt.

AWARD OF 8TH OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL:

ROYAL B. ALLISON - Capt. ALVIN I. SUTTON - 1st Lt. GEORGE H. BEERS - 2nd Lt.
 CARL F. EWAN, Jr. - 2nd Lt. DAVID A. CROCKER -S/Sgt. Philip E. Posey - S/Sgt.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 97...Hq. 12th Air Force... DATE: November 23, 1943.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS:

1ST LT. Bertram J. Leask 1st Lt. Jack D. Lindh 1st Lt. Harry Logan, Jr.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 48...Hq. 12th Fighter Command... DATE: November 25, 1943.

AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: ROBERT A. KNODLE - 2nd Lt.

AWARD OF 1ST OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL: ROBERT A. KNODLE - 2nd Lt.

AWARD OF 2ND OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL: CLAIR J. CLARK -2nd Lt.
 AUSTIN E. CHANDLER -F/O

AWARD OF 3RD OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL: CLAIR J. CLARK -2nd Lt.
 AUSTIN E. CHANDLER -F/O
 LEWIS B. IVERSON -S/Sgt.

AWARD OF 5TH OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL: ROBERT R. BLADES - 1st Lt.
 CLIFTON L. BROWN - S/Sgt.
 JOSEPH E. SHIELDS - S/Sgt.

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AWARD OF 7th OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL:

ROBERT R. BLADES - 1st Lt.
WALTER E. McQUILLEN - S/Sgt.

AWARD OF 9th OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL:

FRANK H. EATON - 2nd Lt.
DONOVAN S. WALL - 2nd Lt.
JACK D. BOYD - S/Sgt.