

**12th Air Force, 57th Bombardment Wing
321st Bombardment Group
History: 1 July 1945 thru 30 September 1945**



*For my dad,
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The following is a compilation of the 321st Bomb Group's Headquarters and individual Squadron War Diaries. They have been transcribed word for word, from the Squadron Histories provided by the Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA), Maxwell Air Force Base Alabama. At the end of each Squadron's daily entry, the individuals cited in the entry are identified by *full name, rank and duty*, in alphabetical order. The day's entry begins with the Tactical Operations Statement, from the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) Chronology, for the Mediterranean Theater of Operations (MTO). The history also includes mission reports, mission crew rosters, Missing Air Crew Reports (MACR), personal mission logs, journals, and diaries made available by various sources.

Invitation

*Anyone who has documentation pertaining to the 321st Bomb Group or its members, and would like to have it included in this history, is welcome to participate. Copies of: photos (official or personal); orders (promotion, decoration, travel, etc.); Mission Reports; Missing Air Crew Reports; personal diaries, logs, journals, etc; other documentation; or information that will help identify **hi-lited** individuals will be greatly appreciated, as one of my goals is correctly identify every man and plane assigned to the 321st Bomb Group.*

My only interest in this project is to honor those who served by perpetuating their story, and making it available for future generations, particularly the families and friends of our Great Heroes. If you are interested in helping, or if I may be of assistance in finding information about your 321st BG Hero, please contact me at: Lil-Butch@nc.rr.com

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Crew lists

- Aircraft information - serial #, name, etc*
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|-----------|---------------------------------|---|
| P | <i>Pilot</i> | |
| CP | <i>Co-pilot</i> | <i>Sometimes used</i> |
| N | <i>Navigator</i> | Bomb/Nav <i>Bombardier-Navigator</i> |
| B | <i>Bombardier</i> | BN <i>Bombardier-Navigator</i> |
| E | <i>Engineer-gunner</i> | EG <i>Engineer-gunner</i> |
| R | <i>Radio-gunner</i> | RG <i>Radio-gunner</i> |
| G | <i>Gunner</i> | |
| F | <i>Photographer</i> | PH <i>Photographer</i> |
| CL | <i>Cannon Loader (on B-25G)</i> | |

Acronyms & Abbreviations

A/C: Aircraft	M/G: Machine Gun
A/D: Aerodrome	MIA: Missing In Action
A/F: Air Field, also Anti-Flak	M/T: Motor Transport (Truck)
AA or AAA: Anti-Aircraft (Artillery)	MTB: Motor Torpedo Boat
abs: absent	M/V: Military Vessel
ALO: Allied Liaison Officer	M/Y: Marshalling Yards
ALW: Alive and Well	MC: Maintenance Crew
AMGOT: Allied Military Government for Occupied Territories	NARA: National Archives and Records Administration
Assg: Assigned	NASAF: Northwest African Strategic Air Force
ASN: Army Serial Number (personnel)	NATOUSA: North Atlantic Theater of Operations USA
A.R.C.: American Red Cross	Nav: Navigator
ASV: Anti-Surface Vessel (radar)	N.B.S.: National Bureau of Standards
ATC: Air Transportation Command	NC: Nurse Corps.
ATS: Air Transport Service	NCO: Non-Commissioned Officer
Azon: Azimuth only (guided bomb)	Nickels: propaganda Leaflets
BC: Bomber Command	(NMI): No Middle Initial
Bmb: Bombardier	NOK: Next Of Kin
Bn: Battalion	NRO: National Reconnaissance Office
B.R.L.: Ballistic Research Laboratory	OAF: Occupation Air Forces
BSM: Bomb System Maintenance	OD: Officer of the day, also Olive Drab
CA: Heavy Cruiser	OLC: Oak Leaf Cluster
CAVU: Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited	OTU: Operational Training Unit
C.B.I.: China-Burma-India Theater	PAX: Passengers
C/D: Coastal Defense	PBS: Medical Report Oct 44?
CE: Circular Error	PDI: Pilot Direction Indicator
CEP: Circular Error Probable	POE: Point of Embarkation
Chaff (US term): Radar countermeasure: tiny strips of aluminum, metalized glass fiber, or plastic. See Window	POW: Prisoner of War
CL: Cannon Loader	PRO-Kit: Individual Chemical Prophylactic packet
CO: Commanding Officer	PX: Post Exchange
CG: Commanding General	QM: Quarter Master
CP: Command Post	R/B: Road Bridge
CQ: Charge of Quarters	RC: Red Cross
C/S: Call Sign	R/J: Road Junction
CWS: Chemical Warfare Service	R/Y: Railroad Yards
D/H: Direct Hit	Repl: Replacement
DD: Destroyer	RMC: Returned to Military Control
DED: Declared Dead - no body or remains found	RON: Remain OverNight

Demo: Demolition
DL: Dead List
DNB: Died Non-Battle / Died Not-Battle
DOW: Died Of Wounds.
DOWRIA: Died of Wounds Receive in Action
DS: Detached Service
E/A: Enemy Aircraft
E/F: Enemy Fighter
EFM: 447th 16 Sep 44?
EUS: Evacuated to the United States
E/M: Enlisted Men
E/V: Enemy Vessel
F Boat: Flying Boat
F/L: Formation Leader - also Flight Leader
FO or F/O: Flying Officer
FOD: Finding Of Death
Frag: Fragmentation
F.S.: Flight Section
GLO: Ground Liaison Officer (UK)
GO: General Order
GP: General Purpose/Gun Position
GTC: General Time Convention (railroad)
HE: High Explosive
IAS: Indicated Air Speed
I & E: Information & Education
(i. o.): Initials Only (initial is the name)

IP: Initial Point
KNB: Killed Not Battle
KIA: Killed In Action
LC: Landing Craft
L/G: Landing Ground
Lox: Liquid Oxygen

L/S: Landing Strip

L/V: Large Vehicle
LOT: 447th 2 May 44?
LST: Landing Ship Tank

Ltr: Letter
LWA: Lightly Wounded in Action
MACR: Missing Air Crew Report
MATS: Military Air Transport Service

RR/B: Railroad Bridge
RR/J: Railroad Junction
RR: Railroad
RTD: Returned To Duty
R/V: Rendezvous

SAP: Semi-Armor Piercing
SD: Special Duty
S/E: Single Engine (plane)
S.E.: Special Equipment (Shoran)
S/F: Siebel Ferry
sk: sick
S/M: Submarine
SO: Special Order
SOI: Standard Operating Instructions?
Sq: Squadron
Sqdn: Squadron
SWA: Seriously Wounded in Action
T/A: Target Area
T/C: Troop Concentration
T/E: Twin Engine (plane)
TAC: Theater Allied Command
TBF: Tactical Bomber Force
TD: Temporary Duty
TDY: Temporary Duty
TLC: Tactical Landing Craft
TO: Take-Off (time), also Technical Order, and Transportation Officer
T/O: Table of Organization
TOT: Time Over Target/Time On Target
Trfd: Transferred
TWX: Teletypewriter Message
u/i: Unidentified, also unit of issue
UNRRA: United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
VOCO: Verbal Order of the Commanding Officer
W.O.: Warrant Officer
WIA: Wounded In Action
Window (British): Radar countermeasure: tiny strips of aluminum, metalized glass fiber, or plastic. See **Chaff**
WP: White Phosphorus (bombs)
WT Station: 445th 20 Jul 43?
XC: Cross Country
ZI: Zone of Interior (U.S.A.)

Sunday, 1 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Seventeen enlisted men assigned or attached to Group Headquarters were scheduled to leave today under the redeployment program to be transferred to the 515 Air Service Group. Some however, waited until 2 July for transportation. These men included all men left in the Group Photo Section which has now been completely closed down and all equipment turned in. The Group S-2 Section also has turned in all its equipment and disposed of all its records.

445th BS War Diary: A general indication of what could be expected during the month was given today by the transfer of 6 officers and 4 enlisted men to the 515th Air Service Group. Usual squadron duties were performed.

446th BS War Diary: 9 Combat Officers and 6 Combat Enlisted men transferred to 515th Air Service Gp. 3 Ground enlisted men transferred to 414th Night Ftr Sq.

447th BS War Diary: Nine officers and six enlisted men, flying personnel, left for the US today. Two enlisted men joined this organization from 57th Fighter Group.

448th BS War Diary: Lts Campbell, Schneider, Boyd, Miller, Tryon, and Coogan; F/O's Clark, Sharar, and Johnson; Sgt's Safko, Cusack, Gosiewski, Dutilly, and Wist were transferred to 515th Air Service Group.

Boyd, Wilford D., 1Lt, bombardier

Clark, William C., F/O, pilot

Cusack, Francis X., Sgt, radio-gunner

Dutilly, Ellard K., S/Sgt, gunner, bombardier

Gosiewski, Alex A., S/Sgt, gunner, bombardier

Miller, Allen R., 1Lt, pilot

Schneider, E. J., 2Lt, pilot

Tryon, Ben L., 2Lt, pilot

Campbell, Knox L., 2Lt, pilot

Coogan, J. M., 2Lt, bombardier

Johnson, F/O

Safko, Edward A., S/Sgt, gunner

Sharar, John H., F/O, bombardier

Wist, Charles G., Sgt, intelligence

A/C No. 43-27720 Tail # 86 (to 515th
ASG)

P *Miller, Allen R., 1Lt*

CP *Clark, William C., F/O*

N *None*

B *Sharar, John H., F/O*

E *Gosiewski, Alex A., S/Sgt*

R *Kryszak, Michael (NMI), Sgt*

G *None*

F *None*

Monday, 2 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Nine combat crews from the Group took off to fly home, including Lt. Colonel Earl B., Young, Deputy Group Commanding Officer; Major Goodell, Group Gunnery Officer; Capt. Arthur E. Franklin, Group Navigator, W. Webb, Ass't Group Air Inspector; and Capt. Thaddeus D. Garrett, Group Air Inspector. Captain Lind, Assistant Group Intelligence Officer, was transferred to the 79th Fighter Group, slated for Occupational Army duty. Redeployment is in full swing.

Franklin, Arthur E., Capt, navigator

Garrett, Thaddeus D., 1Lt, pilot

Goodell, John C., Maj, bombardier, operations

Lind, Ragnar G. "Jeffrey Lynn", Capt, intelligence, HQ 321st BG

Webb, Allen W. "Pete", Capt, pilot

Young, Earl B., Lt Col, pilot, Deputy Commander

445th BS War Diary: Two enlisted men were assigned to duty with the 121st Liaison Squadron and 4 enlisted men were put on temporary duty with Hq., 57th Bomb Wing. No other incidents occurred during the day.

446th BS War Diary: Captain Reginald Jackson asgd to this squadron to take over various duties left by departing ground officers. 10 enlisted men transferred to 340 Bomb Gp. Lt McGreevy sent to hospital. 3 Enlisted Men sent to 121 Liaison Sq on DS.

Jackson, Roland B., 1Lt, pilot

McGreevy, William M., 1Lt, intelligence

447th BS War Diary: Three officers and two enlisted men, flying personnel, left for the US today.

448th BS War Diary: S/Sgt D'Addario and PFC Bedell joined the squadron. Sgt Tiger; Cpls Chappell, Griffin, and Grissom; PFC's Schwartz, Unger, Whichard, Yarbrough E., Yarbrough R A, departed for 79th Fighter Gp. Capt. Sargent assigned to 86th Ftr Sqd, 79th Ftr Gp. M/Sgt Bardell returned to duty from 60th Gen Hospital. T/Sgt Smith was awarded the bronze star.

Bardell, Kenneth E., M/Sgt, engineering

Bedell, Charles F., PFC, 65th FS, 57th FG

Chappell, William C., Cpl, armament

D'Addario, Oswald P., S/Sgt, 65th FS, 57th FG

Griffin, Charles W., Cpl, communications

Grissom, John E., Jr., Cpl, engineering

Sargent, Alwin H., Capt, intelligence

Schwartz, Harry (NMI), PFC, armament

Smith, Paul M., S/Sgt, engineering

Tiger, George E., Sgt, cook

Unger, Wilmer H. "Buzz", PFC, communications

Whichard, PFC

Yarbrough, Edward B., PFC, engineering

Yarbrough, Roy A., PFC, engineering

Tuesday, 3 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Also for the Group lost nine men, being transferred to Wing Headquarters. There were also several men who were transferred into the Group from the 79th Fighter Group.

445th BS War Diary: Three officers and 2 enlisted men were transferred to the 515th Air Service Group, and 1 officer returned from temporary duty with XII AFSC. One enlisted man returned from rest camp in Corsica.

446th BS War Diary: 3 Combat Officers and 2 Combat gunners transferred to 515th Air Service Group.

447th BS War Diary: Three enlisted men joined this organization from 350th Fighter Group.

448th BS War Diary: S/Sgt's DiSalvo, Dittman, Ederer, and Fields; Sgt's McConnell, and Masbruch; Cpl's Ferguson, Garmong, Goodman, Jungquist, Langness, Lehti, and Light; PFC DelGuergio departed for 414 Night Ftr. Sqd. T/Sgt Anderson joined squadron. S/Sgt Roy; Cpl's Woller and Scombardi; and Pvt Gesmer departed for temporary duty Hq Sq, 57th Bomb Wg. Lt Thompson, and Lt Neilson; F/O VanHorn; Sgt's Yacur, and Capsalis departed for 515th Air Serv Grp. S/Sgt's Tratchel and Reutke joined squadron. S/Sgt Glass departed for 416th Night Ftr Sqd.

Anderson, T/Sgt

DelGuergio, Jerry S., PFC, duty soldier

Dittman, Paul F., Jr., S/Sgt, gunner

Ferguson, George A., Cpl, engineering

Garmong, Robert F., Cpl, engineering

Glass, David H., S/Sgt, gunner

Jungquist, Walter L., Cpl, engineering

Lehti, George E., Cpl, armament

Masbruch, Arthur G., Sgt, gunner

Neilson, J. H., 1Lt, bombardier

Roy, Wilfred (NMI), S/Sgt, 65th FS, 57th FG

Thompson, A. M., 2Lt, pilot

VanHorn, M. H., 2Lt, pilot

Yacur, George (NMI), Sgt, gunner

Capsalis, Sgt, gunner

DiSalvo, Alfred J., S/Sgt, gunner

Ederer, Robert J., Sgt, gunner

Fields, James A., S/Sgt, gunner

Gesmer, Pvt

Goodman, John T., Cpl, gunner

Langness, Irving (NMI), Cpl, armament

Light, Edward B., Cpl, armament

McConnell, William L., S/Sgt, gunner

Reutke, S/Sgt

Scombardi, John (NMI), Cpl, transportation

Tratchel, S/Sgt

Woller, Henry B., Cpl, cook

Wednesday, 4 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: There was no formal celebration of the holiday, because of the confusion incidental to the transfers under the redeployment program. Two combat crews including Captain Farrell, 445th Squadron Operation Officer took off for the United States.

Farrell, Robert A. "Baldy", Capt, pilot, 445th BS

445th BS War Diary: Nine officers and 5 enlisted men were transferred to the 515th Air Service Group. Regular squadron duties were performed without incident.

446th BS War Diary: Headquarters returned 3 of our men to dy with our squadron.

447th BS War Diary: No Change. Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: T/Sgt Summers joined squadron. Cpl Waits, PFC Cantelmo, and Pvt DelBosque were assigned from Hq 57th Bomb Wg and placed on DS to 340th Bomb Gp. S/Sgt Crowley, Sgt Baldo, and Cpl Heaston returned to duty from DS. Lts Sturgis, Smith, Schiller, Herrin, Landis, and Lyons; Sgt's Lane, Marcellus, Gallagher, Hanley; S/Sgt Baird, and Cpl Green departed for 515 Air Serv Gp.

Baird, S/Sgt, gunner

Cantelmo, PFC

DelBosque, Pvt

Green, R. C., Cpl, engineer-gunner

Heaston, Edgar E., Cpl, communications

Landis, K. R., 2Lt, pilot

Lyons, John W., 1Lt, bombardier

Schiller, 2Lt

Sturgis, Cloral S., 2Lt pilot

Waits, Cpl

Baldo, Louis A., Sgt, communications

Crowley, David F., Jr., S/Sgt, photo lab

Gallagher, Sgt, gunner

Hanley, E. N., S/Sgt, gunner, bombardier

Herrin, John C., 1Lt, pilot

Lane, Sgt

Marcellus, Sgt, gunner

Smith, 1Lt

Summers, T/Sgt

Thursday, 5 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Two more crews left for the States via Group planes.

445th BS War Diary: The recent reductions in squadron personnel strength were momentarily halted today with the assignment of 28 enlisted men to the squadron from Hq., 57th Bomb Wing. Usual garrison duties were performed in addition to assimilating the new personnel within the organization.

446th BS War Diary: Replacement duties really start when we are assigned 39 Enlisted Men from 79th Fighter Group. We also transferred 3 Combat Officers and 3 Combat Enlisted Men.

447th BS War Diary: Three officers and two enlisted men, flying personnel, left for the US today. Four enlisted men joined from 350th Fighter Group.

448th BS War Diary: Maj Knievel returned from duty from 60th Sta Hosp. T/Sgt's Baker and Mercuri joined squadron. PFC Grigas departed for 974 Air Engr Sq.

Baker, T/Sgt

Knievel, Arthur W., Maj, executive

Grigas, Alexander C., PFC, personnel

Mercuri, T/Sgt

Friday, 6 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Two more crews took off ferrying our planes to the States. One was piloted by Captain Fleming, 448th Squadron. A second tour man. Four Enlisted Men were transferred into the Group from the 340th Bomb Group.

Fleming, George B., Capt, pilot, 448th BS

445th BS War Diary: Three officers and 2 enlisted men were transferred to 515th Air Service Group. A group officers' dance was held at the Group Officers' Mess during the evening and provided very pleasant entertainment for all who attended.

446th BS War Diary: 3 Combat Officers and 2 Combat Enlisted Men transferred to 515th Air Service Gp.

447th BS War Diary: No change. Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: Capt Fleming; Lts Morris, Libby, Wilson, and Rogers; F/O Emerson; S/Sgt Wall; Sgt's Cauble, Steiman, and Long departed for 515 Air Serv Sq.

Cauble, Sgt, gunner

Fleming, George B., Capt, pilot

Long, Sgt, gunner

Rogers, 2Lt

Wall, S. G., S/Sgt, radio-gunner

Emerson, F/O

Libby, Donald E., 2Lt, bombardier

Morris, J. R., 2Lt, pilot

Steiman, Sgt, gunner

Wilson, James M., 1Lt, pilot

Saturday, 7 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Six officers and forty enlisted men departed for the 340th Bomb Group which is scheduled to return to the States shortly.

445th BS War Diary: After performance of usual squadron duties, the balance of the day was spent in recreational activities, either at the nearby beach or at the base. A truckload of enlisted men were sent on over-night pass to Pescara, inaugurating a program which will be carried out on every week-end during the month.

446th BS War Diary: Our Combat men are becoming smaller and smaller as we transfer 3 more officers and 2 Enlisted Men.

447th BS War Diary: Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: Capt Sargent departed for 79th Ftr Gp.
Sargent, Alwin H., Capt, intelligence

Sunday, 8 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: One hundred and ten enlisted men were sent to the 340th Bomb Group.

445th BS War Diary: The mass reduction in personnel strength continued today with the transfer of 23 enlisted men to the 340th Bomb Group which will soon return to the U.S. Many of the men on the list were original members of the squadron at date of activation.

446th BS War Diary: Not much doing today, 2 men returned from DS to duty.

447th BS War Diary: Twenty five enlisted men assigned 340th Bomb Gp (M).

448th BS War Diary: Lt. Genovese joined squadron. Capt Marshall departed for 340th Bomb Gp. Cpl's Tesoriero, and Thompson; PFC's Gentry, Kovacs, and Rogers departed for 340th Bomb Gp.

Genovese, Joseph, 1Lt, intelligence

Gentry, Edgar W., PFC, transportation

Kovacs, George (NMI), PFC, transportation

Marshall, Ulysses S. "Doc", Capt, medical

Rogers, John J., PFC, communications

Tesoriero, Cpl, gunner

Thompson, K. (NMI), Cpl, gunner

Monday, 9 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Twenty enlisted men were transferred to the 521st Service Group and 15 enlisted men to Headquarters Occupational Air Force.

445th BS War Diary: Seven enlisted men were transferred to the 515th Air Service Group today. In an effort to improve recreational facilities for the squadron enlisted men, the former squadron officers' club adjoining the billets was turned over to the men for their use. This club provides ping-pong and other recreational facilities in addition to a bar.

446th BS War Diary: 30 Enlisted men and 1 Officer are very happy today, as they are transferred to the 340th Bomb Group. 5 Enlisted Men transferred to 515th Air Service Group, as 13 Gunners are reassigned to our squadron.

447th BS War Diary: Five enlisted men transferred to 521st Air Service Group.

448th BS War Diary: S/Sgt Petruzelli; Sgt's DeFazio, Edmonson, Vassil; Cpl Piurek departed for 521 Air Serv Gp.

DeFazio, Angelo T., Jr., Sgt, engineering
Petruzelli, Biagio (NMI), Sgt, engineering
Vassil, John N., S/Sgt, ordnance

Edmonson, Loyal C., Sgt, engineering
Piurek, Ned J., Cpl, ordnance

448th BS: Extracts from Missing Air Crew Report # 14978:

A/C No. 43-27720 Tail # 86 (MACR-14978 - missing enroute between Mallard Fld., Dakar and Roberts Fld., Liberia - last contacted by radio 30 mi. W. Cape Verge, N Africa))

P *Miller, Allen R., 1Lt, - MIA, KNB*
CP *Clark, William C., F/O - MIA, KNB*
N *None*
B *Sharar, John H., F/O - MIA, KNB*
E *Gosiewski, Alex A., S/Sgt, - MIA, KNB*
R *Kryszak, Michael (NMI), Sgt - MIA, KNB*
G *None*
F *None*

Monday, 9 July 1945 (continued)

HEADQUARTERS
AF STAGING AIRDROME NO. 2
APO 528 US ARMY

AG WHC-hsg. 20 July 45

SUBJECT: Missing Aircraft and Air Crew.

THRU : CG, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, U. S. Army.

TO : CG, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. In accordance with verbal instructions the following information is furnished.

a. Aircraft type B-25J-2 43-27720 PROJECT RP-0011605-0

b. Crew Members:

P 1st LT ALLEN R MILLER (W) 0778216 321st Bomb Gp
+ (Mrs R. A. Miller, 9017 Hartford Rd, Baltimore, Md.)
CP F/O WILLIAM C CLARK (W) T127986 321st Bomb Gp
+ (Mrs W. C. Clark, 3812 Park St, Jacksonville, Fla.)
B F/O JOHN H SHARAR (W) T8090 321st Bomb Gp
+ (Mr J. Sharar, 824 W. Washington, St., Hagerstown, Mo)
AE S/Sgt Alex J Gosiewski (W) 32623755 321st Bomb Gp
+ (Mrs H. Gosiewski, 52 N. Highway, Southampton, L.I.)
R Sgt Michael Krysak (W) 20258423 321st Bomb Gp
+ (Mrs D. Krysak, 1622 Madison Ave, New York, N.Y.)

c. Departed this station 1 July 1945 per SO-32, Par 9, copy attached.

d. Notice of aircraft missing enroute received 10 July 1945 from CO, A.T.C., Dakar, (copy of mag attached).

e. Sufficient information not available at this station to complete Missing Air Crew Report.

f. All personnel records of crew members were in possession of the pilot.

2. Further in accordance with verbal instructions the crew members are being carried on the Morning Report of the 515th Base Service Squadron in a missing status, as of 9 July 1945. Request information as to date subject crew can be deleted from the Morning Report of that organization.

Monday, 9 July 1945 (continued)

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:

Incl 1 - SO-32, AFSA-2

Incl 2 - Copy, TWX.

WILLIAM H CHAMBERS

Captain, Air Corps

Adjutant

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

+ Persons to be notified in case of emergency.

D. M. BBROWN

Captain, Air Corps.

Incl # 1

Tuesday, 10 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Usual garrison duties.

445th BS War Diary: Thirteen enlisted men joined the squadron from the 350th Fighter Group today.

446th BS War Diary: 2 Enlisted Men transferred to Hq OAF. Lt. DuBois transferred to 57th Bomb Wing.

DuBois, Lionel F., 1Lt, pilot

447th BS War Diary: Two officers, flying personnel, left for the US today.

448th BS War Diary: Cpl Janus and Pvt Sorrentino departed for 521st Air Serv Group. S/Sgt's Blackard, Atherton; Sgt's Bower, Braga, Griffin, Wood, Wright; Cpl Jagers, Hansing, Martin joined squadron from 350th Ftr Gp. Capt Lee, 1st Lt. Stout, and Sgt Stevens departed for 57th Ftr Gp. Sgt James; Cpls Lewter, Marks, Gillette, and Darendinger departed for Hq OAF Line A Verona.

Atherton, Robert C., S/Sgt, gunner *Blackard, Hershel L., S/Sgt, gunner*

Bower, Sgt

Braga, Sgt, gunner

Darendinger, John M., Cpl, 64th FS, 57th FG

Gillette, Frederick (NMI), Cpl, ordnance

Griffin, E. I., Sgt, gunner, bombardier

Hansing, Cpl

Jagers, Cpl

James, Norman L., Sgt, 64th FS, 57th FG

Janus, Bill (NMI), Cpl, cook

Lee, Howard M., Capt, pilot

Lewter, Cpl

Marks, Thomas H., Cpl, cook or Marks, William, Cpl, transportation

Martin, Cpl

Sorrentino, Angelo M., Pvt, special service

Stevens, Sgt, gunner

Stout, Charles S. "Chuck", 1Lt, bombardier-navigator

Wood, Sgt

Wright, Sgt

Wednesday, 11 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Fifteen enlisted men were transferred to the 57th Fighter Group.

445th BS War Diary: Usual squadron duties and recreation occupied the day.

446th BS War Diary: 13 men transferred to 79 Fighter Gp, and that's about all for today.

447th BS War Diary: No change. Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: T/Sgt Kurs was awarded the Bronze Star.
Kurs, Jerome H. "Jerry", T/Sgt, operations

Thursday, 12 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): HQ XII Air Forces Service Command is disbanded at Siena, Italy.

HQ 321st BG War Diary: 1st Lt. Mulholland who was formerly a bombardier and then assistant Squadron Intelligence Officer in the 447th Squadron and who then was assigned to A-2, Section 12 Air Force, has been reassigned to his old Squadron.

Mulholland, Robert W., 1Lt, bombardier, 447th BS

445th BS War Diary: Two enlisted men were transferred to the squadron from the 515th Air Service Group. No other unusual incidents occurred.

446th BS War Diary: Capt Warren awarded Bronze Star Medal. T/Sgt Dickey awarded 1st OLC to Bronze Star. Pvt Foley awarded 1st and 2nd OLC to Air Medal.

Dickey, Ervin G., T/Sgt, armament

Foley, Joseph M., Pvt, gunner

Warren, Joseph E., Capt, medical officer

447th BS War Diary: One officer transferred to the 310th Bomb Group.

448th BS War Diary: Usual organizational duties were all that took place.

Friday, 13 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Twenty-six enlisted men departed for the 87th Fighter Group, thirty four to the 86th Fighter Squadron, twenty to the 85th Fighter Squadron and fifteen more to various other units.

445th BS War Diary: Seven enlisted men were assigned to the 416th Night Fighter Squadron and one man was assigned to the 340th Bomb Group.

446th BS War Diary: 2 Combat Gunners assigned to our squadron.

447th BS War Diary: One enlisted man transferred to 798th Air Materiel Squadron. One enlisted man transferred to the 416th Night Fighter Squadron. One enlisted man assigned from 310th Bomb Group. One officer assigned from 340th Bomb Group.

448th BS War Diary: PFC Irvine departed for 798th Matl sq (Air). S/Sgt Parent left for 60th Sta Hosp (sick). Pvt Patty and Maj. Knievel departed for Florence to play in a tennis tournament.

Irvine, Josef F., PFC, supply
Parent, S/Sgt

Knievel, Arthur W., Maj, executive
Patty, John Edward "Budge", Pvt

Saturday, 14 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): HQ 350th Fighter Group and 345th, 346th and 347th Fighter Squadrons begin a movement from Pisa, Italy to the US.

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Thirteen enlisted men departed for Headquarters AAF/MTO.

445th BS War Diary: Seven enlisted men were assigned to the 859th Bomb Squadron, one was assigned to the 515th Air Service Group, and one was assigned to Hq., AAF/MTO. One officer was transferred into the organization from the 447th Bomb Squadron. The weekly Group Officers' dance again provided pleasant entertainment.

446th BS War Diary: We transferred 1 man to 340 Bomb Gp, 3 men to 859 Bomb Sq, 3 to 360 Air Service Group, 4 M/Sgts to 515th Air Service Group, and 5 men to Hq Sq AAF/MTO.

447th BS War Diary: Nine enlisted men transferred to 859th Bomb Squadron (H). One enlisted man transferred to 360th Air Service Group. Nine officers and six enlisted men, flying personnel, left for the US today.

448th BS War Diary: S/Sgt Cook, Sgt Griffen, and Sgt Frabictore were awarded the Bronze Star. Lt Saliwanchik departed for 310th Bomb Gp. M/Sgt Neidhardt departed for 859th Bomb Sq.

Cook, S/Sgt

Griffen, Harry J., Sgt, intelligence

Saliwanchik, 2Lt,

Frabictore, Joseph B., Sgt, engineering

Neidhardt, M/Sgt

Sunday, 15 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): Unit moves in Italy: HQ 57th Fighter Group and 64th, 65th and 66th Fighter Squadrons from Grosseto to Bagnoli with P-47s; 414th Night Fighter Squadron, Twelfth AF, from Pontedera to Bagnoli with P-61s.

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Few more enlisted men were transferred to the 340th Bomb Group (M).

445th BS War Diary: Five enlisted men were transferred to the 340th Bomb Group. Usual squadron duties were performed.

446th BS War Diary: 2 Men returned from DS at 79 Fighter Gp.

447th BS War Diary: One officer, flying, left for the US today. Five enlisted men transferred to AQ SQ AAF/MTO.

448th BS War Diary: Cpl Fields departed for temporary duty 340th Bomb Gp.
Fields, Carl E., Cpl, transportation

Monday, 16 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): Unit moves in Italy: 121st Liaison Squadron, Twelfth AF, from Manerba to Florence with UC-78s, L-4s and L-5s; the 486th, 487th, 488th and 489th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium), 340th Bombardment Group (Medium), begins a movement from Rimini to the US.

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Colonel Cassidy attended a conference at Headquarters 12 Air Force at which he was told that after the combat men now with the Group were transferred, the Group would be left at its present strength until the final move to the States. At last we can expect a more settled life.

Cassidy, Charles F., Jr., Col, pilot, Commander

445th BS War Diary: Two enlisted men were transferred to the 79th Fighter Group during the day. No unusual incidents occurred.

446th BS War Diary: 3 Enlisted Men transferred to 79 Fighter Group.

447th BS War Diary: One enlisted man, flying, left for the US today. Six enlisted men transferred to the 79th Fighter Group.

448th BS War Diary: S/Sgt's Ederer and Fleek joined sq. S/Sgt Tratchel, Sgt's Lebica, Melear, and Rader; Cpl's Cocorles, Dickinson, and Farris departed for 79th Ftr Gp.

Cocorles, Cpl

Dickinson, Cpl

Ederer, Robert J., S/Sgt, gunner

Farris, Cpl

Fleek, S/Sgt

Lebica, Sgt

Melear, Sgt

Rader, Sgt

Tratchel, S/Sgt

Tuesday, 17 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Thirty-four pilots from the 350th Fighter Group and 18 from the 57th Fighter Group arrived in this Group for an indefinite stay pending their redeployment.

445th BS War Diary: Regular garrison duties were performed.

446th BS War Diary: 3 Men transferred to 340 Bomb Group.

447th BS War Diary: One enlisted man transferred to the 340th Bomb Group.

448th BS War Diary: S/Sgt's Kelly and Russell joined sq from Hq 57 Bomb Wg. T/Sgt's Frank, Young; Cpl Nunley; and Pfc Naeger joined sq from Hq 321 Bomb Gp.

Frank, T/Sgt, HQ 321st BG

Naeger, PFC, HQ 321st BG

Russell, S/Sgt, HQ 57th BW

Kelly, S/Sgt, HQ 57th BW

Nunley, Cpl, HQ 321st BG

Young, T/Sgt, HQ 321st BG

Wednesday, 18 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Wing now advises the Group that all enlisted men except about 20% and most of the officers will be transferred out in the near future. Orders for the transfer of forty-six enlisted men were received.

445th BS War Diary: Thirteen officers and 8 enlisted men representing the last combat crews in the squadron left this morning under orders assigning them to the 515th Air Service Group.

446th BS War Diary: Transferred 9 Officers and 4 Enlisted Combat Men.

447th BS War Diary: Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: T/Sgt Frank was awarded the Bronze Star. Lt. West departed for 38 ADG.

Frank, T/Sgt

West, Alden A. "Bud", 1Lt, pilot

Thursday, 19 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Wing now advises that all personnel except the Commanding Officer and one enlisted man in each squadron and at Group Headquarters will be transferred to the 300th Bombardment Group on or about 1 August and that the permission of the War Department is being requested to disband the Group overseas. Colonel Gaffney Group executive officer will also remain with the cadre left in the Group.

Gaffney, Charles H, Maj, Executive Officer, HQ Group Commander

445th BS War Diary: No unusual incidents occurred during the day's performance of regular duties. During the evening, a dance was held for enlisted personnel at Group Headquarters, with feminine talent being supplied from the nearby towns. It was a welcome change for the men.

446th BS War Diary: Not a thing doing today.

447th BS War Diary: Six enlisted men assigned from Hq 321st Bomb Group.

448th BS War Diary: Cpl Shipley departed for 548 Air Serv Gp. Sgt Kozik departed for 340th Bomb Gp.

Kozik, Frank D., Sgt, armament

Shipley, Cpl

Friday, 20 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Steps are being taken to dispose of all property and equipment in the unit. Twenty-one enlisted men left by air for the 121 Liaison Squadron, and twenty-six left for the 313 Signal Company.

445th BS War Diary: One of the greatest mass transfers of enlisted men to occur so far took place today when 38 men were transferred to other units. Of this total, 6 went to the 1st Fighter Group, 1 to the 14th Fighter Group, 13 to the 52nd Fighter Group, 12 to the 325th Fighter Group, and 6 to the 31st Fighter Group. In addition, 5 men were assigned on temporary duty to the 515th Air Service Group, 2 men were placed on temporary duty to Hq., 321st Bomb Group, and 2 men were assigned to Hq., 57th Bomb Wing.

In addition to this mass transfer, further indication that the personnel could expect to return to the States in the near future was given by the fact that some of the squadron transportation was turned in. Nine such vehicles were turned in at Bari.

446th BS War Diary: 5 Men returned from DS 515 Air Service Group. 2 Enlisted men returned from hospital. 8 Enlisted men transferred to 31 Fighter Group. 4 Enlisted men transferred to 14 Ftr Group. 11 Enlisted men transferred to 325 Fighter Group. 2 Enlisted men transferred to 121 Air Liaison Squadron. 1 Enlisted man transferred to Hq 57 Bomb Wing. And those ever present 13 men from the 79 Fighter Group are reassigned.

447th BS War Diary: Fifteen enlisted men transferred to 52nd Fighter Group. Five enlisted men assigned.

448th BS War Diary: S/Sgt's Loscalzo, McAvoy, Norris, Nero, Mullen, Rakestraw, Maas, and Sgt Osip joined sq. Sgt Griffen was awarded the Bronze Star. T/Sgt's Lund and Sommers departed for 121 Liaison Sq.

Griffen, Harry J., S/Sgt, intelligence

Lund, John L, T/Sgt, engineering

McAvoy, S/Sgt

Nero, S/Sgt

Osip, Sgt

Sommers, Stephen L., T/Sgt, communications

Loscalzo, S/Sgt

Maas, S/Sgt

Mullen, S/Sgt

Norris, S/Sgt

Rakestraw, S/Sgt

Saturday, 21 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Forty-five enlisted men left for the 121st Liaison Squadron.

445th BS War Diary: The reduction in enlisted personnel continued today with the departure of 17 additional men. Twelve were assigned to the 121 Air Liaison Squadron, 4 men were assigned to the 313th Signal Co., and 1 man was transferred to the 340th Bomb Group.

446th BS War Diary: 8 Enlisted Men transferred to 121 Air Liaison Squadron. 13 Enlisted men transferred to 121 Air Liaison Squadron. 3 Men transferred to 313 Signal Co Wing. 2 Enlisted men that went on DS to Cannes France, are transferred to 313 Signal Co Wing.

447th BS War Diary: Twenty three enlisted men transferred to different organizations in this theater. Thirteen enlisted men assigned.

448th BS War Diary: Sgt Griffin and Pvt Fegley departed for 121 Liaison Sq.

Fegley, Russell D., Pvt, engineering

Griffin William G., Sgt, engineering

Sunday, 22 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Usual garrison duties.

445th BS War Diary: Usual garrison duties were performed today. Arrangements were also under way to promote the organization of a soft-ball team within the squadron to participate in the 321st Group league.

446th BS War Diary: No Change at All.

447th BS War Diary: Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: Usual organizational duties were all that took place.

Monday, 23 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Usual garrison duties.

445th BS War Diary: Usual squadron duties were performed without incident. Virtually all non-administrative sections have completed their duties and turned in all equipment with the result that the only remaining essential work is performed by the Orderly room, medical section, supply section and kitchen. The extra time for the men is being taken up daily in the form of organized drill and calisthenics and recreation.

446th BS War Diary: Once again we have no change.

447th BS War Diary: Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: Capt Brink, Lts Meyers, Erickson, Stevens, Plummer, Goodwin, McGregor, Pritchett; F/Os Church, Rizzo, S/Sgts Carter, Russell, Kelly; Sgts Stewart, Novitsky, Kelly, Seigal departed for 515 Air Serv Gp.

Brink, Richard E., Capt, bombardier

Church, F/O

Goodwin, 2Lt,

Kelly, Sgt

Meyers, Kenneth F., 1Lt, pilot

Plummer, J. C., 2Lt, pilot

Rizzo, F/O

Seigal, Sgt, gunner

Stewart, Sgt, gunner

Carter, Hugh A., S/Sgt, engineer-gunner

Erickson, 2Lt

Kelly, S/Sgt, HQ 57th BW

McGregor, 2Lt

Novitsky, Sgt, gunner

Pritchett, 1Lt

Russell, S/Sgt, HQ 57th BW

Stevens, S. R., 1Lt, Gunnery Officer

Tuesday, 24 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Usual garrison duties.

445th BS War Diary: Rumors continue to flow freely regarding ultimate disposition of the remaining squadron personnel. At the present time, it appears that the squadron will be moved to Fano, Italy early in August.

446th BS War Diary: S/Sgt Holdridge was honorably discharged to accept commission. Laporte returned from Hospital.

Holdridge, John F., S/Sgt, gunner

Laporte,

447th BS War Diary: No change. Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: Usual organizational duties were all that took place.

Wednesday, 25 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND (North African Division): Units inactivated at Casablanca, French Morocco: HQ 303rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) and 358th, 359th, 360th and 427th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy); HQ 379th Bombardment Group (Heavy) and 524th, 525th, 526th and 527th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy); HQ 484th Bombardment Group (Heavy) and 824th, 825th, 826th and 827th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy).

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Usual garrison duties.

445th BS War Diary: No unusual incidents occurred. Owing to uncertainty concerning orders for personnel it has been impossible to send many men to the various Air Force rest camps. However, everyone has been encouraged to make the most of local recreational facilities and entertainment.

446th BS War Diary: 1 man to DS to 79 Fighter Group shows up for duty.

447th BS War Diary: One enlisted man transferred to 548th Air Service Group.

448th BS War Diary: Maj Knievel left for TDY to Leghorn, Italy. Sgt. Stracuzzi returned to duty from 60th Station Hosp.

Knievel, Arthur W., Maj, executive

Stracuzzi, John L., Sgt, gunner-bombardier

Thursday, 26 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: One hundred fifty six enlisted men departed for the 515th Air Service Group.

445th BS War Diary: Regular squadron duties were performed after which a dance was held for the enlisted men. Many men attended and seemed to enjoy the occasion.

446th BS War Diary: Things are becoming quiet, no change again.

447th BS War Diary: No change. Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: F/O Maximovich departed for 310 Bomb Gp. Pvt Patty left for Leghorn on TDY.

Maximovich, F/O

Patty, John Edward "Budge", Pvt

Friday, 27 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): HQ 340th Bombardment Group (Medium) begins a movement from Rimini, Italy to the US.

HQ 321st BG War Diary: No changes of significance.

445th BS War Diary: The exodus of personnel was resumed today with the departure of 38 more men. Three men were assigned to the 515th Air Service Group, 1 to the 360th Air Service Group, 1 to the 594th signal Bn., 8 to 859th Bomb Squadron, 3 to 885th Bomb Squadron, 2 to 1005th Signal Co., 1 to 1585th ordnance Co., 3 to 1633rd Ordnance Co., 1 to 1635th Ordnance Co., 3 to the 1643rd Ordnance Co., 2 to the 1726th Ordnance Co., 1 to 1778th Ordnance Co., 1 to 6569th Ordnance Co., 1 to 6572nd Ordnance Co., 2 to 6727th Administrative Platoon, 2 to 6728 Administrative Platoon, 1 to Hq., XII Air Force, and 1 to 79th Fighter Group.

446th BS War Diary: Did I say quiet...1 combat engineer transferred to MAAF. 1 man transferred to 325 Fighter Group. 6 Enlisted Men transferred to 515 Air Service Group. 2 Enlisted Men transferred to 360 Service Group. 5 Enlisted Men transferred to 859 Bomb Sq. 4 Enlisted Men transferred to 885 Bomb Squadron. 2 Enlisted Men transferred to 1005 Signal Company. 1 Enlisted Man transferred to 1585 Ord S&M Co. 1 man to 1543 Ord S&M Company. 1 Man to 1651 Ord S&M Co. 1 man to 1705 S&M Co. 1 Man to O1726 Ord S&M Co. 2 men to 1793 Ord S&M Co. 4 Men to 6727 Adm Platoon AFRC. 1 man to 6727 Adm Platoon. 2 men to 6728 Adm Platoon. 1 man to 1633 Ord S&M Co. 1 Man to 1635 Ord S&M Co and 2 Men to be sent back to the 321st Headquarters.

447th BS War Diary: Thirty nine enlisted men transferred to different organizations in this theater.

448th BS War Diary: 1st Lt Sturgis left for US. Pvt Sorrentino joined squadron from 521st Air Serv Gp. Sgts Eikler and Swenson departed for Hq Sq 12th Air Force. T/Sgt Kurs, Sgt Davis, PFC Ahles, and Pvt Rosencranz departed for 515 ASG. M/Sgt Parsons and 1st Sgt Iseldyke were awarded the Bronze Star. T/Sgt Ruggere, Cpls Griffith and Nunley departed for 360th ASG. M/Sgt Parsons departed for 594 Sig Avn Bn. T/Sgts Fogwell, Ridge; S/Sgts French, Libero, Cook, Roberts, Weaver, and Brownley; Sgts Frabictore, and McAdams departed for 859th Bomb Sq. Sgt Ebeyer departed for 885th Bmb Sq. S/Sgt Burns departed for 1005 Sig Co. T/Sgt Young departed 1005 Sig Co. Pfc Naeger departed for 1633 Ord S&M Co. Sgt Yaw departed for 1778 Ord S&M Co. Sgt Taddei departed for 1793 S&M Ord Co. Sgt Daly and Pfc Wade departed for 6726th Adm Platoon Co. AFRC. S/Sgt Lind and Cpls Fields, DePrisco, and Wakefield departed for 6727 Adm Platoon AFRC. M/Sgt Beatty departed for 515 ASG. T/Sgt Mercuri departed for 1635th Ord S&M Co.

Ahles, Sgt, 57th FG
Brownley, S/Sgt
Cook, S/Sgt

Beatty, M/Sgt
Burns, S/Sgt
Daly, Sgt

Friday, 27 July 1945 (continued)

Davis, Roy (NMI), Sgt, intelligence
Ebeyer, John (NMI), Sgt, communications
Fields, Carle E., Cpl, transportation
Frabictore, Joseph B., Sgt, engineering
Griffith, Chester M., Cpl, ordnance
Kurs, Jerome H. "Jerry", T/Sgt, operations
Libero, Victor P., S/Sgt, armament
McAdams, Sgt
Naeger, PFC, HQ 321st BG
Parsons, George M., Jr., M/Sgt, communications
Ridge, Willis E., T/Sgt, communications
Rosencranz, Harvey R., Sgt, engineering
Sorrentino, Angelo M., Pvt, special service
Swenson, James R., Sgt, engineering
Taddei, Vladimiro J., Sgt, chemical warfare service
Wade, Avery (NMI), PFC, medical
Weaver, S/Sgt
Young, T/Sgt, HQ 321st BG

DePrisco, Jerry J., Cpl, transportation
Eikler, Maynard L., Sgt, communications
Fogwell, Richard E., Jr., T/Sgt, armament
French, George W., S/Sgt, armament
Iseldyke, LeRoy J., Sgt, personnel, 1st Sgt
Lind, Clarence E., S/Sgt, medical
Mercuri, T/Sgt
Nunley, CPL, HQ 321st BG
Roberts, John L., S/Sgt, communications
Ruggere, Orlando (NMI), T/Sgt, tech supply
Sturgis, Cloral S., 1Lt pilot
Wakefield, Elwood L., Cpl, transportation
Yaw, Philip C., Sgt, engineering

Saturday, 28 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: No changes of significance.

445th BS War Diary: John Holdridge joined the squadron after receiving his commission from the XII Air Force. He was originally a gunner in the 446th Bomb Squadron.

Holdridge, John F., 2Lt,

446th BS War Diary: 1 Enlisted man transferred to 79 Fighter Group. 1 Enlisted Man transferred to 347 Fighter Squadron. 1 man transferred to 121 Air Liaison Squadron. 2 Men transferred to Hq Squadron 12 Air Force, and 1 man transferred to Hq 57 Bomb Wing.

447th BS War Diary: One enlisted man, first from this squadron, departed today for a tour of Switzerland. Two enlisted men transferred to Hq Sq 12th Air Force.

448th BS War Diary: Usual organizational duties were all that took place.

Sunday, 29 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Usual garrison duties.

445th BS War Diary: Usual squadron duties were performed.

446th BS War Diary: No Change

447th BS War Diary: Two enlisted men transferred to Hq 57th Bomb Wing.

448th BS War Diary: T/Sgt Young returned from 60th Sta Hosp. Cpls Scombardi and Woller were assigned to Hq Sq 57th Bomb Wg.

Scombardi, John (NMI), Cpl, transportation

Woller, Henry B., Cpl, cook

Young, T/Sgt, HQ 321st BG

Monday, 30 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Usual garrison duties.

445th BS War Diary: Word was received today that Capt. Edgar F. Ulmer, Squadron Adjutant had been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during the recent campaign.

Ulmer, Edgar F., Capt, Adjutant

446th BS War Diary: S/Sgt Carl Vetter was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Vetter, Carl R., S/Sgt, personnel

447th BS War Diary: Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: Usual organizational duties were all that took place.

Tuesday, 31 July 1945

USAAF Chronology: MTO Tactical Operations (12th AF): Organizational charts show a great decrease in Jul in the size of the Twelfth AF due to redeployment, transfer, disbandment, and discontinuance of 50 units; only 5 new units are added to the Twelfth and this leaves 77 assigned and 3 attached units compared to 122 assigned and 2 attached the previous month; the Twelfth practically ceases to be a flying AF as only 2 bombardment groups (medium), a night fighter squadron, and a reconnaissance group remain as flying units and the planes from these units are shortly transferred to Army Air Forces Services Command, MTO.

HQ 321st BG War Diary: No changes. All records of Group shipped to MTOUSA for storage.

445th BS War Diary: One enlisted man was transferred to the 121st Air Liaison Squadron to complete the changes in personnel during the month. Although there were no operations in progress during the month, July witnessed an almost complete change-over in personnel. As compared with 35 Officers and 213 enlisted men on hand at the beginning of the month, 9 Officers and 58 enlisted men remained at the end.

446th BS War Diary: The last day in the month and not a thing of importance seemed to have happened.

447th BS War Diary: NO CHANGE. Usual organizational duties.

448th BS War Diary: 1st Lt. Jantz left for 4th Field Hospital sick.
Jantz, Lawrence E., 1Lt, supply

JOSEPH GENOVESE
1st Lieut., AC
Squadron Historian

July 1945

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Additional Narrative for July 1945

HEADQUARTERS
321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO 650

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, 57th Bombardment Wing, APO 650 US Army.
Attention: Historian

1. Outline History of the 321st Bombardment Group Headquarters for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

a Original Unit.

- (1) Original Designation: 321st Bombardment Group (M).
- (2) Place of activation: Barksdale Field, Louisiana.
- (3) Date of activation: 26 June 1942.
- (4) Authority for Activation: General Order # 143, Hq 3d Air Force, 23 June 1943.
- (5) Sources of Personnel: Transfer from other units, voluntary enlistments, selective service, National Guard.

b Changes in Organization.

- (1) Changes in designation: None
- (2) Echelon or Units:
 - (a) Transferred: None
 - (b) On DS or TD: None.
 - (c) Attached to other Headquarters for Operational Control: None.
- (3) Change of Commanding Officers: None.
- (4) Changes of Staff Officers: Lt. Colonel Earl F. Young, Deputy Group Commander; Major John C. Goodell, Group Gunnery Officer; Captain Thaddeus D. Garrett, Group Air Inspector, and Captain Allen W. Webb, Assistant Group Air Inspector were relieved from assignment and assigned to 515 Air Service Group by authority of Par 5, SO 1140 Hq 57 Bomb Wing 3 July 1945. Captain Ragnar G. Lind *Jeffrey Lynn*", Assistant Group Intelligence Officer was relieved from assignment and assigned to Hq 79th Fighter Group by authority of Par 4, SO 162 Hq Twelfth Air Force dated 3 July 1945.

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c Strength: Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) Month of June 1945.

(a) Beginning:	Enlisted Men: 186	Officers: 26 (Incl. 1 W.O.)
(b) Net Increase:	Enlisted Men: 0	Officers: 0
(c) Net Decrease:	Enlisted Men: 156	Officers: 6
(d) At End	: Enlisted Men: 30	Officers: 20 (Incl. 1 W.O.)

d Stations of Units or Echelons.

(1) Name of Station: Falconara Airfield, Italy.

(a) Date of Arrival: 4 April 1945.

e Movements of Unit or Echelons.

(1) None.

f Campaigns.

(1) None.

g Operations.

(1) None.

h Command Officers on Important missions: None.

i Losses in Action: None.

j Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action:

(1) See attached list

k Number of photographs being submitted:

(1) None

1. Inclosed is War Diary, 321st Bombardment Group Headquarters for the period 1 July 1945 through 31 July 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

Incl:

1. War Diary.
2. Special Account

ROBERT W. MANLY,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Historian.

July 1945 (continued)

HEADQUARTERS
321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS JULY 1945

O B I T U A R Y

Since the end of the War the Group has been turned into a replacement depot for the Twelfth Air Force. Men have been transferred in and out and back in again. Few of the original enlisted men are left but the officer personnel has changed very little.

A training program was started with the purpose of checking out the combat crews in A-26's and training the ground crews in A-26 maintenance. Courses were given to prepare personnel for duty in the Pacific. However, the return of the crews to the States in the Group's own planes stopped this training program. The engineering personnel became very pressed to ready the planes for the trip. The last one of the Group's combat aircraft was flown away on 9 July. Several A-26's were transferred to the group and flown out later. By the end of the month the Group had four stripped-downs left. Two of these were grounded for lack of parts. There was only one combat crew left in the Group. It was waiting for a plane to be delivered from Germany which would be flown home.

The I. & E. program which started with great enthusiasm suffered a slow but complete death when ground personnel started to be transferred about the middle of June. After that even inspections and parades were impractical and the only activities of the Group were in keeping itself amused.

Throughout the early period of the end of the War it was understood that the Group would go to the Pacific via the States after it had been reequipped with A-26 aircraft. Morale at the time was high. The Group had one of the most outstanding records of any unit in the war. Its bombing accuracy 93.94% in one month. Has never been equaled. However, when it was learned that the Group would be inactivated or disbanded, the officers and men who had worked for the Group for almost three years were disheartened. They felt that, if any medium bombardment group were to be kept alive, it should be the 321st. On the basis of its disbanded overseas without ceremony or public notice other than a line in a War Department Order filled their cup of sorrow to overflowing.

R E Q U I E M I N P A C E

July 1945 (continued)

HEADQUARTERS
321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Surgeon

APO 650, US Army,
5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Medical History.

TO : Commanding General, AAFSG/MTO, APO 528, US Army.
Attention: Surgeon.

1. Circular letter No. 19, Office of the Surgeon, Hqs., M. T. O., dated 21 June 1945, both on the subject of Medical Histories, were received by this Office, July 4th and 5th respectively, after the 3 months periodic Medical History for this unit had been prepared.

2. The periodic medical history of this unit from April 1st, to June 30th, 1945, is submitted herewith. A final report, to cover the time until redeployment, will be submitted, if the unit is disbanded prior to the end of the year.

GEORGE A. SILVER,
Major, Medical Corps,
Group Surgeon.

July 1945 (continued)

445th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for July 1945

HEADQUARTERS 321st Bomb Group (M)
APO 650

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, 57th Bombardment Wing
Attention: Historian

1. Outline History of the 445th Squadron for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

a Original unit

- (1) 445th Bombardment Squadron, 321st Bombardment Group (M), 57th Bombardment Wing, 12th Air Force.
- (2) Barksdale Army Air Base, La., was place of activation
- (3) June 23, 1942 was date of activation
- (4) G.O. #145, Hq. 3rd Air Force, 23 June 1942 was authority for activation
- (5) National guard, selective service and regular army were sources of personnel

b Changes in organization

- (1) No changes in designation, no transfer, unit was not placed on DS or TS nor was it attached to other headquarters for operational control
- (2) There was no change of commanding officers.
- (3) There was no change of staff officers.
- (4) There was no new T/O

c Strength, commissioned and enlisted

- (1) Month of July 1945
 - (a) At beginning - 258
 - (b) Net increase -
 - (c) Net decrease - 192
 - (d) At end - 66

d Stations of units or echelons – Falconara Airfield, Italy – still present this base.

e Movements – there was no movement of the squadron during the month of July, 1945.

f Campaigns – hostilities ceased in Italy.

g No combat missions flown by squadron.

h Losses in action – none

July 1945 (continued)

i Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action:

G.O. #149, Headquarters 12th Air Force, 5 July 1945:

Bronze Star (Meritorious Achievement)

S/Sgt. George P. Cavallenes, *armament*

G.O. #101, Headquarters 12th Air Force, 19 July 1945:

Bronze Star (Meritorious Achievement)

Capt. Edgar F. Ulmer, *Adjutant*

S/Sgt. John L. McNevin, *intelligence, 1st Sergeant*

2. Enclosed is War Diary, 445th Bombardment Squadron for the period from 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

Incl:
War Diary.

ALLAN C. WILLS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Squadron Historian.

July 1945 (continued)

446th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for July 1945

HEADQUARTERS 321st Bomb Group (M)
APO 650

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, 57th Bomb Wing, APO 650 U.S. Army
Attention Historian.

1. Outline History of the 446th Squadron for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945:

a Original unit

- (1) 446th Bombardment Squadron, 321st Bombardment Group (M), 57th Bombardment Wing, 12th Air Force.
- (2) Barksdale Army Air Base, La., was place of activation.
- (3) June 23, 1942 was date of activation.
- (4) GO @145, Hq 3rd Air Force, 23 June 1942 was authority for activation
- (5) National Guard, Selective Service, and Regular Army were sources of personnel.

b Changes in organization

- (1) No change in designation, no transfer, unit was not place on DS or TD nor was it attached to other headquarters for operational control.
- (2) There was no change of commanding officers.
- (3) There was no change of Staff Officers.
- (4) There was no new T/O.

c Strength, commissioned and enlisted

- (1) Month of July 1945
 - (a) At beginning - 229
 - (b) Net increase.
 - (c) Net decrease - 164
 - (d) At end - 65

d Stations of units or echelons or echelons – Falconara Airfield, Italy – Still present at this base.

e Movements – There was no movement of this squadron during the month of July 1945

f Campaigns – Hostilities ceased in Italy.

g No combat missions flown by squadron.

h Losses in combat - none

July 1945 (continued)

- i. Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action:
- GO #113, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 26 May 1945
Distinguished Flying Cross (Extraordinary achievement)
1st Lt. Richard W O'Connor, *navigator*
- GO #134, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 16 June 1945
Air Medal (participating in Aerial Flight)
1st Lt Joseph R. Owens Jr, *pilot*
- GO #106, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 15 May 1945
1st Oak leaf Cluster to Air Medal (Participating in Aerial Flight)
F/O William F Reed, *pilot*
- GO #146, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 2 July 1945
Bronze Star (Meritorious Achievement)
Capt Joseph E Warren, *Medical Officer*
- GO #141, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 25 June 1945
1st Oak leaf Cluster to Air Medal (Participating in Aerial Flight)
T/Sgt Ervin G Dickey, *armament*
- GO #111, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 21 May 1945
1st Oak leaf Cluster to Air Medal (Participating in Aerial Flight)
Pvt Joseph M Foley, *gunner*
- GO #164, Headquarters 12 Air Force, 23 July 1945
Bronze Star (Meritorious Achievement)
S/Sgt Carl R Vetter, *personnel*

2. War Diary Enclosed.

ROBERT R. SMEDLEY,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding., *pilot*

July 1945 (continued)

447th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for July 1945

447TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M)
321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO 65

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, 57th Bombardment Wing.
Attention: Historian.

1. Outline History of the 447th Bombardment Squadron for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

a. 447th Bombardment Squadron (M), 321st bombardment Group (M).

- (1) 447th Bombardment Squadron (M), 321st Bombardment Group (M), 57th Bombardment Wing (M), 12th Air Force.
- (2) Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina.
- (3) 23 June 1942
- (4) G.O. 145, Hq. 11 AF, 23 June 1942
- (5) Transferred from other units and Selective Service.

b. Change in Organization.

- (1) No Change
- (2) Echelons or units.
 - (a) Transferred.

8 Enlisted men trfd to 79th Ftr Gp.
19 Enlisted men trfd to 121st Liaison Sq.
26 enlisted men trfd to 340th Bomb Gp (M)
5 enlisted men trfd to 521st Air Service Gp.
7 enlisted men trfd to Hq OAF Line A.
1 enlisted man trfd to 798th Air materiel Sq.
1 enlisted man trfd 416th Night Fighter Sq.
4 enlisted men trfd to 350th Air Service Gp.
2 officers trfd to 310th Bomb Gp (M)
15 enlisted men trfd to 859th Bomb Sq (H)
5 enlisted men trfd to Hq Sq AAF/MTO
4 enlisted men trfd to Hq Sq 57th Bomb Wing
1 enlisted man trfd to 548th Air Service Gp
2 enlisted men trfd to 1651st Ord S&M Co
1 enlisted man trfd to 1697th Ord S&M Co
3 enlisted men trfd to 6726th Adm Platoon
2 enlisted men trfd to 6727th Adm Platoon
1 enlisted man trfd to 6728th Adm Platoon
1 enlisted man trfd to 1635th Ord S&M Co

July 1945 (continued)

1 enlisted man trfd 1705th Ord S&M Co
1 enlisted man trfd 594th Sig Avn Bn
4 enlisted men trfd to 885th Bomb Sq (H)
5 enlisted men trfd to 1005th Sig Co
1 enlisted man trfd to 1633rd Ord S&M Co
1 enlisted man trfd to 1778th Ord S&M Co
1 enlisted man trfd to 1726th Ord S&M Co
1 enlisted man trfd to MAAF
36 officers and 27 enlisted men trfd to 515th Air Serv Gp.

(b) On DS or TD.

1 enlisted man on TD Switzerland
3 enlisted men DS to Hq Sq 57th Bomb Wing

(c) No Change.

(3) No change in commanding officers during the month

(4) No change in staff officers during the month.

(5) No Change.

c. Strength, Commission and enlisted.

(1) Month of July 1945.

(a) At Beginning. 41 Officers; 225 Enlisted Men

(b) Net increase.

(c) Net decrease. 29 Officers; 152 Enlisted Men

(d) At end: 12 Officers; 73 Enlisted Men.

d. Stations of units or echelons.

(1) Falconara Air Field, Italy

(a) 7 April 1945

(b) Still at the same station.

e. Movement of units or echelons.

(1) Did not move during month.

f. Campaigns.

(1) Did not participate in any campaigns this month

g. Operations.

(1) No combat operations this month.

h. No command officers in important missions during the month.

i. Losses in action during the month of July 1945.

(1) No losses

July 1945 (continued)

j. Personnel who have distinguished themselves in action during the month, and were presented the following awards:

On General Order No. 141, dated 25 June 1945, from 12th AF.
S/Sgt Michael A. Andryscak, *gunner*, Bronze Star Medal

On General Order No. 146, dated 2 July 1945, from 12th AF.
Captain Eugene R. Herrmann, *engineering*, Bronze Star Medal

On General Order No. 149, dated 6 July 1945, from 12th AF.
S/Sgt Lucian J. Repczynski, *personnel*, Bronze Star Medal

On General Order No. 159, dated 18 July 1945, from 12th AF.
2nd Lt Robert H. Young, *pilot*, Air Medal
F/O Emil R. Nyman, *pilot*, Air Medal
S/Sgt Alfred S. Barrett, *gunner*, Air Medal
Sgt Thomas J. Maloney, *gunner*, Air Medal

On General Order No. 164, dated 23 July 1945, from 12th AF.
Captain Walter H. Whitton, Jr., *armament*, Bronze Star Medal
1st Lt. John L. Denman, *pilot*, Bronze Star Medal
1st Lt. William D. Wiley, *bombardier*, Bronze Star Medal
M/Sgt Myron R. Small, *radio-gunner*, Bronze Star Medal

k. No Photographs were submitted for this month.

2. Enclose War Diary, 447th Bomb Sq., for the period 1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

1 Incls:
Incl 1 – War Diary

WILLIAM E. LEVINE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Historian

July 1945 (continued)

448th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for July 1945

HEADQUARTERS 448th Bombardment Squadron (M)
APO 650, US ARMY

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : Commanding General, 12th Air Force,
A-2 Section, Attention: Historian

1. Outline History of the 448th Bombardment Squadron for the period 1 July to 31 July 1945.

a Present Designation:

448th Bombardment Squadron, 321st Bombardment Group (M), 57th Bombardment Wing (M).

b Changes in organization

- (1) No change.
- (2) No change.
- (3) No change.
- (4) Lt Lee (*Howard M., pilot*), Operations Officer, left for U.S.; Lt. Sturges (*Cloral S., pilot*) appointed Operations Officer; Lt. Sturges left for U.S.; No new operations officer appointed. Capt. Sargent (*Alwin H., intelligence*), Intelligence Officer transferred to 86th Fighter Squadron, 79th Fighter Group; Lt Genovese (*Joseph, intelligence*) transferred from 86th Fighter Squadron, 79th Fighter Group is now Intelligence Officer.

c Strength, commissioned and enlisted

- (1) Month of July 1945
 - (a) 47 Officers assigned, 234 E.M. assigned.
 - (b) None
 - (c) 39 Officers; 167 Enlisted Men.
 - (d) 8 Officers; 67 Enlisted men.

d Stations of units or echelons

- (1) Falconara Air Field, Falconara, Italy.
 - (a) April 8, 1945
 - (b) None.

e Movements of unit or echelons.

- (1) None

f Campaigns

- (1) None

July 1945 (continued)

g Operations
(1) None

h Command Officers in important missions:
(1) None

i Losses in action
(1) None

j Personnel Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Combat:
(1) None

k Number of photographs being submitted.
(1) None.

2. Enclosed is Journal of Events, 448th Bombardment Squadron, for the period 1 July to 31 July 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH GENOVESE
1ST Lieut., AC
Squadron Historian.

1 Incls:

1 - Unit Journal of Events

1 thru 31 August 1945

HQ 321st BG War Diary: No Entry

445th BS War Diary: No Entry

446th BS War Diary: No Entry

447th BS War Diary: No Entry

448th BS War Diary: No Entry

HQ 321st BG War Diary: Additional Narrative for August 1945:

M/GAS/win

MEDICAL HISTORY
321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO 650, US Army

3 August 1945

(Final Report for period 1 July 1945 to 3 August 1945. This group has been reduced to cadre size per SO 165, Hq 57th Bomb Wing, 4 August 1945.)
AUTH: Twelfth AF Message TWACT A-14

1. Present History.

a. The tactical situation.

(1). With Germany's surrender, the 321st was placed in Redeployment Class IV. Redeployment of personnel began and continued until the group was reduced to cadre size per SO 165, Hq 57th Bomb Wing, dated 4 August 1945. AUTH: Twelfth AF Message TWACT A-14.

2. Administration.

a. (Roster of Medical Personnel, 1 July 1945, shown on page 1A)

(1). Many changes in personnel took place due to redeployment.

b. (Roster of Medical Personnel, 1 August 1945, shown on page 1B)

3. Environmental History.

a. There was no change in location during the period.

August 1945 (continued)

4. Functional activities of the Medical Department.

a. During July the greatest part of the Medical equipment authorized by the Med. Equip. List, dated 25 March 1944, was returned to the Medical Supply Unit. On this date, all remaining equipment was turned in.

b. In spite of the return of most of the equipment, in redeployment, with its attendant paper work and the loss of Medical Personnel, the regular and routine functions of the Medical Department, as detailed in former histories, were scrupulously carried out, throughout the period.

c. The anti-malarial program was continued, as detailed in the preceding report. Very good results were obtained. The latest report from the malaria control unit, checking the immediate area, showed no larvae and no adult mosquitoes at any of their numerous checking points.

ROSTER OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL 321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M), APO 650, US Army, 1 July 1945.

NAME	RANK	Headquarters		FLIGHT OF SURGEON	DUTY
		ASN	DATE		
Silver, George A.	Major	0-360264	3/6/44	Yes	Group Surgeon
McMechen, Charles R.	Capt	0-477528	1/23/43	No	Dental Surgeon
Jinnette, Allen J.	2 nd Lt.	0-2002138	28/2/45	No	Administration

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Hagen, Walter F.	37041943	T/Sgt	673
Compson, Richard F.	35030664	T/Sgt	673
Meyer, Dale J.	37120183	Sgt	861
Porter, Harland G.	37145476	Sgt	861
Markel, Lawrence E.	36166754	Cpl	657
Robinson, Bernard V.	34262615	Cpl	409
Segal, Sol (NMI)	32177367	Cpl	067
Stagnitta, Salvatore (NMI)	32234666	Cpl	409
Weatherford, Leon H.	34098052	Cpl	657
Johnson, Eldon F.	36166113	Pfc	409
Lowrey, Newland (NMI)	35265797	Pfc	409
Maniotis, James (NMI)	32322971	Pfc	657

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445th SQUADRON

Smith, William C.	Capt	0-381441	9/30/42	Yes	Sq. Surgeon
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NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Nickell, John B.	39386261	S/Sgt	673

446th SQUADRON

NAME	RANK	ASN	DATE OF RANK	FLIGHT SURGEON	DUTY
Warren, Joseph E.	Capt	0-487220	9/27/43	Yes	Sq. Surgeon

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Ballway, John L.	15090268	S/Sgt	673
Doyle, Charles F.	36231995	Cpl	657
Kolesar, Michael F.	33135654	Cpl	409
Barritt, Wayne W.	36232177	Pfc	657

447th SQUADRON

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Rehfuss, Carlton L.	32185445	S/Sgt	673
Morton, James M.	17052589	S/Sgt	673
Korenich, Joseph B.	36232284	Cpl	657
O'Donnell, Lester D.	36232211	Pfc	657

448th SQUADRON

NAME	RANK	ASN	DATE OF RANK	FLIGHT SURGEON	DUTY
Marshall, Ulysses S.	Capt	0-492553	12/20/43	No	Sq. Surgeon

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Lind, Clarence F.	36318717	S/Sgt	673
Wade, Avery (NMI)	35254490	Pfc	657

GEORGE A. SILVER
 Major, Medical Corps,
 Group Surgeon.

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**ROSTER OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL 321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M),
APO 650, US Army, 1 July 1945.**

Headquarters					
NAME	RANK	ASN	DATE OF RANK	FLIGHT SURGEON	DUTY
Silver, George A.	Major	0-360264	3/6/44	Yes	Group Surgeon
McMechen, Charles R.	Capt	0-477528	1/23/43	No	Dental Surgeon
Jinnette, Allen J.	2 nd Lt.	0-2002138	28/2/45	No	Administration

NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Hagen, Walter F.	37041943	T/Sgt	673
Porter, Harland G.	37145476	Sgt	861
Maniotis, James (NMI)	32322971	Pfc	657

445th SQUADRON					
Smith, William C.	Capt	0-381441	9/30/42	Yes	Sq. Surgeon

446th SQUADRON					
NAME	RANK	ASN	DATE OF RANK	FLIGHT SURGEON	DUTY
Warren, Joseph E.	Capt	0-487220	9/27/43	Yes	Sq. Surgeon

447th SQUADRON			
NAME	ASN	RATING	CLASSIFICATION
Reh fuss, Carlton L.	32185445	S/Sgt	673

448th SQUADRON

None

GEORGE A. SILVER
Major, Medical Corps,
Group Surgeon.

d. Two cases of gonorrhoea were treated with penicillin. The venereal disease program, started in June has effectively reduced the rate in the group.

e. Recreational facilities, both beach clubs and rest camps, have been fully utilized, though redeployment has kept the number of men able to attend the rest camps low.

August 1945 (continued)

f. No epidemic of communicable disease occurred in this group during the period.

5. Statistical Data.

Statistical data shows little variation from other periods, and is omitted.

6. Special Items of Historical Value.

None.

GEORGE A. SILVER
Major, Medical Corps,
Group Surgeon.

MEDICAL HISTORY
321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Surgeon

APO 650, US Army
6 August 1945

SUBJECT: Final Reports.

TO : The Surgeon, Hq. Twelfth Air Force, APO 650, US ARMY.

1. The following reports, submitted by this group to your office on the dates shown below should be considered the final report for this unit, since no essential change has taken place from the time these were submitted, to the time orders 4 August 1945, SO 165, Hq 57th Bomb Wing, Auth: Twelfth AF Message TWACT A-14, to reduce this group to cadre size were received.

a. 27 July 1945.

Monthly Venereal Report
MD #51, Sick & Wounded with ENT's.

b. 1 August 1945.

Sanitary Report.
Essential Medical Data.
86c Medical Department Personnel.

August 1945 (continued)

c. 3 August 1945.

Care of Flier Report.

d. 4 August 1945.

86ab Weekly Statistical Health Report.

GEORGE A. SILVER
Major, Medical Corps,
Group Surgeon.

MEDICAL HISTORY
321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Surgeon

APO 650, US Army
6 August 1945

SUBJECT: Final Dental Reports.

TO : The Surgeon, Hq. Twelfth Air Force, APO 650, US ARMY.

Attention: Dental Surgeon.

1. The Report of Dental Service, MD Form #57, submitted by this group to your office on 26 July 1945 should be considered final since no essential change has taken place from the time this report was submitted, to the time orders 4 August, SO 165, Hq 57th Bomb Wing, Auth: Twelfth AF Message TWACT A-14, to reduce this group to cadre size were received.

CHARLES R. MCMECHEN,
Caption, Dental Corps,
Group Dental Surgeon

445th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for August 1945: No Entry

446th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for August 1945: No Entry

447th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for August 1945: No Entry

447th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for August 1945: No Entry

1 thru 30 September 1945

HQ 321st BG War Diary: No Entry

445th BS War Diary: No Entry

446th BS War Diary: No Entry

447th BS War Diary: No Entry

448th BS War Diary: No Entry

445th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for August 1945:

314.7 Headquarters
 AF STAGING AIRDROME NO. 2
 APO 528 US ARMY

30 September 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Unit Historical Data.
TO: Commanding General, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, US ARMY.
Attn: Command Historian.

1. In compliance with letter, Hq AAFSC/MTO, subject as above, file AG 314.7 dated 17 September 1945 the following information is submitted covering unit indicated below:

- a. Unit Designation: 445th Bomb Squadron (M)
- b. Unit Inactivated effective: 12 September 1945
- c. Authority for inactivation: Par 1, Gen. Order # 170
Hq, AAFSC/MTO dated 12 September 1945.
- d. Place of Inactivation: Pomigliano Airdrome, Pomigliano, Italy
- e. Unit Records consisting of ¼ boxes were shipped to MTOUSA Records Depot on 16 September 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM H. CHAMBERS
CAPT., Air Corps
Adjutant.

NOTE: Records of this unit were deposited in Hq. 321st Bomb Group records box when shipped to MTOUSA.

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HEADQUARTERS, AF STAGING AIRDROME #2, APO 528, US ARMY, 14
September 1945.

TO: C.O., Keesler Field, Mississippi.

1. Records on file with this headquarters indicate that the 445th Bomb Sq. is
authorized Bronze Campaign Stars for the following:

Naples-Foggia—9 September 1943 - 21 January 1944

Rome-Arno—22 January 1944 - 9 September 1944

The above by ltr subject “Battle Participation Awards” file 200.6/040 PO, Hq
MTOUSA dated 10 November 1944.

Southern France—15 August 1944-14 September 1944 per ltr subject “Battle
Participation Awards” file AG 200.6/040 PO MTOUSA dated 30 December 1944.

North Apennines – 10 September 1944 – 4 April 1945

Po Valley – 5 April 1945 – 8 May 1945

The above by ltr subject “Battle Participation Awards” file AG 200.6/040
POMTOUSA dated 6 July 1945.

2. Information concerning a GO awarding battle stars for ETO are not available.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

DONALD H. JAMES
1st Lieut., AC
Asst. Adjutant

September 1945 (continued)

446th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for August 1945:

314.7 Headquarters
 AF STAGING AIRDROME NO. 2
 APO 528 US ARMY

30 September 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Unit Historical Data.
TO: Commanding General, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, US ARMY.
 Attn: Command Historian.

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- d. Place of Inactivation: Pomigliano Airdrome, Pomigliano, Italy
- e. Unit Records consisting of ¼ boxes were shipped to MTOUSA Records Depot on 16 September 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM H. CHAMBERS
CAPT., Air Corps
Adjutant.

NOTE: Records of this unit were deposited in Hq. 321st Bomb Group records box when shipped to MTOUSA.

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447th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for August 1945:

314.7 Headquarters
 AF STAGING AIRDROME NO. 2
 APO 528 US ARMY

30 September 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Unit Historical Data.
TO: Commanding General, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, US ARMY.
 Attn: Command Historian.

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Hq, AAFSC/MTO dated 12 September 1945.
- d. Place of Inactivation: Pomigliano Airdrome, Pomigliano, Italy
- e. Unit Records consisting of ¼ boxes were shipped to MTOUSA Records Depot on 16 September 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM H. CHAMBERS
CAPT., Air Corps
Adjutant.

NOTE: Records of this unit were deposited in Hq. 321st Bomb Group records box when shipped to MTOUSA.

September 1945 (continued)

448th BS War Diary: Additional Narrative for August 1945:

314.7 Headquarters
 AF STAGING AIRDROME NO. 2
 APO 528 US ARMY

30 September 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Unit Historical Data.
TO: Commanding General, AAFSC/MTO, APO 528, US ARMY.
 Attn: Command Historian.

1. In compliance with letter, Hq AAFSC/MTO, subject as above, file AG 314.7 dated 17 September 1945 the following information is submitted covering unit indicated below:

- a. Unit Designation: 448th Bomb Squadron (M)
- b. Unit Inactivated effective: 12 September 1945
- c. Authority for inactivation: Par 1, Gen. Order # 170
Hq, AAFSC/MTO dated 12 September 1945.
- d. Place of Inactivation: Pomigliano Airdrome, Pomigliano, Italy
- e. Unit Records consisting of 1/4 boxes were shipped to MTOUSA Records Depot on 16 September 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM H. CHAMBERS
CAPT., Air Corps
Adjutant.

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