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A-3 SECTION Cont'd.

450th Group
3 navigation hops
2 transition
2 bomb range #3

449th Group
10 transition
14 instrument checks
18 on formation

A-4 SECTION

Routine activities

ARMAMENT SECTION

Capt. Hart has installed his remote indicating sight in the B-24 that is being modified for this Wing in the 331st Service Sqdn. hangar.

A new class begins Monday, 1st Jan., at Trade School in Bari. This is a refresher course in Norden bombsight and C-1 Auto-pilot maintenance and six EM from this Wing have been sent; 2 each from 449th and 450th. and 1 each from 98th and 376th Bomb Groups.

OTHER SECTIONS:

Nil.

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Saturday
30 December 1944.

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine

A-1 SECTION

1 crew due in tomorrow from Gioia and will be assigned to 450th Gp.

Called all groups and reminded them about war bond drive this payday and requested this drive be vigorously prosecuted.

Called Air Force and requested 1st Lt King now on DS from this Wing to ZI be returned to this command.

A-2 SECTION

Routine

A-3 SECTION

Aerial Training -

98th Gp - 4 a/c local transition.

376th Gp - 3 a/c test hops
1 a/c slow time
3 a/c gunnery.

449th Gp- Field unserviceable.

450th Gp- Field unserviceable.

Col Warren: Requested that 15th AF re-evaluate reported bomb results on 47th Wing "loop".
Requested again the assignment of P-38 a/c to Wing. 15th AF, A-3 is trying to get one says Col Fellows.
Requested assignment of permanent "last resort targets".

Lt Eaton: 200 copies of recommended Ditching Drills sent to each group.

INSPECTION

Visited the 331st Service Sq to see how the modification is coming. At present they are installing the glass in the nose but need the sight before all of the glass can be installed. I told Capt Hart about this and he will get it over as soon as possible. The modification makes a nice appearance structurally as well as visually. The ship should be ready for test hop, without the tail turret, on the 31st or the 1st.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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Friday
29 December 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
Routine
ADJUTANT )

A-1 SECTION

We are still carrying 1st Lt. William B. King on our records as DS to the states. We called Air Force and they still would not give us permission to drop this officer as they are still expecting word from Hq. Army Air Forces on this officer as well as several others.

We received $82.00 from 98th Group as contribution for AAF Air Society.

Called Major Sullivan reference Public relations Officers. He stated we will receive a 2d Lt. within a few days.

Placed a conference call with reference to proposed changes to T/O & E. Groups stated they will be forwarded to Wing tonight.

Requested Air Force to get Capt. Ozro D. Gould, S-2 Officer for us. This Officer is in ZI.

Received 19 crews from Gioia who were assigned as follows: 5 to 98th Group, 4 to 376th Group, 6 to 449th Group and 4 to 450th Group. One more crew is scheduled to report in and will be assigned to 450th Group.

Air Force called and asked for an Officer in grade of Major with an educational background, preferably one who had been a University Professor and knew school administration. Such Officer desired for transfer to Hq. AAF/MTO as Asst. Information and Education Officer. After checking our groups we furnished a negative report. •

Air Force requested 1st Lt. Ally, 450th Group now on DS with 1st Combat Camera Unit for assignment to Hq. 15th Air Force. We concurred. Air Force also requested Lt. Wirsching 98th Group be placed on indefinite DS with Air Force Flight Section. We also concurred.



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A-2 SECTION

Visited daily news meeting of 450th Group and suggested improvements.

Major Pew out of Headquarters on a counter intelligence investigation.

A-3 SECTION

COLONEL WARREN: Requested Col. Fellows secure P-38 from storage at Goija and assign to 47th WING. He will do if possible and will let us know.

Instructions put out to enforce defrosting of wings and control surfaces prior to T/O in morning.

"Boomerang" of 376th Group now has 123 missions and 89 straight without turnback. Crew being held over in hopes they can fly it back.

LT. EATON: Made up chart on incidents of frostbite and man days lost in Wing.

AERIAL TRAINING:

98th Bomb Group:

2 a/c Range
2 a/c Cross country
2 a/c Navigational

449th Bomb Group:
2 a/c #3 Bomb Range
1 a/c Cross country
1 a/c PFF #3 Bomb Range.

376th Bomb Group:

3 a/c Transition
2 a/c Slow time
2 a/c Test hops.

450th Bomb Group:
3 a/c Navigational
4 a/c #3 Bomb range
4 a/c Transition
2 a/c Test hops.

A-4 SECTION: Routine

ARMAMENT SECTION

Capt. Hart had a meeting yesterday of group and squadron Armament Officers from each of the groups under this Wing. Also attending were the representatives from the Sperry Gyroscope Copr. and Minneapolis-Honeywell Company.



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ARMAMENT SECTION (Cont'd.)

Main topic of discussion was the proper way to fill out and use the new Armament Report which is turned in by each Bombardier for the malfunctions occuring on his ship in conjunction with the Daily Armament Status Report which is a consolidated report of the week's malfunctions in each group and is sent up to 15th Air Force.

Also discussed were Modifications, Personnel Problems, Winterization to prevent freezing of racks, doors, shackles, sights; etc., C-1 Auto-pilot Inspections, M-8 Pyrotechnic Pistol and storage of flares in aircraft, and procurement of bombsight maintenance tools.

SURGEON SECTION

Routine duties.

Lt. Day, Mr. Riggin and Carpenter are still in the hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS:

Nil.

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Thursday
28 December 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
Routine
ADJUTANT )

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and asked for pilots the grade of Capt. or above, (potential flight or group leaders) for transfer to the 5th Wing. We furnished Air Force a negative report.

Col. Warner is not due back from France until 1 January.

Capt. Hart is being placed on orders to go to the 5th Army, 3 January 1945.

Air Force called and stated the following officers will be placed on I DS with MATS for between 30 and 60 days during which time they would be transferred there. These are officers we sent to Air Force for interview and were selected: 1st Lt Boyce, 376th group, 2d Lt Shanks, 449th group and 1st Lts. Hoffman and Pillsbury, 450th group.

Air Force called and stated that we are receiving 19 crews from Gioia tomorrow.

A-2 SECTION

TWX to 15th AF requesting stereo-pairs on all areas to be covered in forthcoming special operation.

Lts. D. H. Edwards and L. W. Lorsung, APOD 11, reported in person on developments concerning a counterintelligence case.

15th AF advises that a Wing PI officer is to be placed on DS at AF hq. for one (1) week beginning 1 January to receive training in plotting and interpretation of PrF scope photographs.



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A-3 SECTION

AERIAL TRAINING: 98th Group - 1 A/C PFF flight
3 A/C X-country flights
2 A/C X-country and bombing
1 A/C Navigation flight
1 A/C Transition.

376th Group - 6 A/C X-country and bombing
1 A/C Practice bombing
1 A/C Transition
1 A/C X-country navigation

449th Group - 1 A/C PFF Navigation flight
1 A/C #3 range
2 A/C Transition
1 A/C Tortorella Range

450th Group - None scheduled.

Captain GRIMMER: Held meeting of Group Training Officers, discussed new Training Report being revised by 15th Air Force.

A standard operating time for each trainer was adopted.

A-4 SECTION

Eighteen (18) new crews are coming in and the necessary arrangements have been made to see that they are provided with the necessary cots, blankets and tents.

SURGEON SECTION

Routine duties.

Lt. Day and Tech Rep. Carpenter and Riggin are in the hospital.

STATISTICAL SECTION

Policy of Wing on reporting recall missions has been established. Planes will not be included in A/C airborne or early return figures in Wing statistical summaries. However, in compliance with Air Force directives, operations reports will be submitted by the groups, and in Air Force summaries, recall missions will be included in A/C airborne and early returns.

OTHER SECTIONS: Nil End . . . 1005

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Wednesday
27 December 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

15th Air Force Board on the reorganization of the Air Force met in Bari Tuesday and again yesterday.

Board Members: Col. Felix Vidal--Fighters
Lt. Col. Turkendall--Air Service Command.
Col. Kempton--15th Air Force
Col. Reuben Kyle, Jr.--Bombers.

The board will go to Caserta Friday A.M. to confer with MAAF. All board members, Gen. Twining, Mollison, Col. P. K. Taylor and others agree that the Service Squadron should go back into the tactical group.
Any good suggestions for any change will be welcomed, because we want to improve the Air Force.

ADJUTANT

DEFENSE Day for January will be held on the Second rather than the 1st as previously scheduled.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and stated that we are receiving replacements tomorrow or the next day from the 10th Replacement Pn for the following Officers of the 98th Bomb Group who were permanently rotated: Lt Col Frank Hq. 98th Bomb Gp, Capt. Lauer, 415 Sq. 1st Lt French 415 Sq & Capt. Cox, Hq. 98th Bomb Gp. Aside from Lt Col Van Water (replacement for Lt Col Frank) Air Force did not have the names of the other Officer replacements. Group notified

Col Cassell attended meeting of statistical personnel. Assignment of combat crew personnel to the groups was discussed.

Nine (9) enlisted replacements arrived today and were sent to organizations, as follows: 4 to 376th group, 3 to 98th group and 2 to Hq Sq (Wing).

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A-2 SECTION

Requested recommendations from all groups relative to proposal that cash be eliminated from escape kits and a system of chits be utilized instead. Some 20,000 chits of various types already have been honored in this theater, it is reported.

Capt. Workman to Headquarters, 15th Air Force, for conference of Wing PI Officers. Changes in requirements as to number and type of bomb strike photos outlined. Tentative plans made to utilize Wing PI Officers in plotting of PFF scope pictures.

A-3 SECTION

MAJOR ELLIOTT: 26 December - Interviewed by Psychiatrist.

MAJOR NUGENT: 26 December - Worked on special mission.
27 December - Talked to Air Crew Evaluation Board from states. Discussed methods of scoring and rating of lead crew personnel.

COLONEL WARREN: Schedule published sending ships to Jois for installation of RCM Equipment. Ten (10) ships per group being modified.

AERIAL TRAINING:

| 98th Bomb Group: | 376th Bomb Group: |
|---|---|
| 4 a/c PFF bomb range #4 | 12 a/c Transition |
| 2 a/c Navigation flights | 4 a/c Secret Deal |
| 5 a/c PFF training flights. | 1 a/c Practice bombing |
| **449th Bomb Group:** | **450th Bomb Group:** |
| 3 a/c Cross country | 6 a/c Flying landing strip |
| 2 a/c Came back from other fields | 2 a/c Bomb Range #3 |
| 2 a/c Test hops | 4 a/c Transition |
| 2 a/c Dry runs | |

A-4 SECTION:

The Engineers have started scrapers to repairing the Mandurio-Oria road.

ARMAMENT SECTION

Captain Hart has called a meeting for 28 December 1944. Attending this meeting will be the Group and Squadron Armament Officers in all units. Meeting will be held here at the Wing at 1330 hours.



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STATISTICAL SECTION

Meeting of Stat Officers of Groups held. Also attended by Lt Col Cassell, Major Brown and Capt. Garrett. Combat crew reporting was discussed so that a common basis for reporting would be established in the groups. It was decided that the reporting system would remain unchanged with the exception of squadron bombardiers and navigators of the 98th and 376th Groups, which have heretofore been counted as combat personnel. To make reporting uniform, they will in the future be counted as staff personnel. This will in no way effect the availability of combat crews.

Correct interpretation of early returns was discussed, to assure that early returns are charged to the proper cause. Groups Stat Officers will obtain the causes of early returns from the Early Return Board in each group, and code it on the Daily Operations Report (Form 34) sent to Wing Stat. The Wing Stat Officer will also check early returns with Lt. Matthews of Inspection to assure that a proper picture is presented.

Percent of effective sorties was discussed, because this figure does not agree with Air Force figures at the end of the month; Air Force counting recall missions as non-effective, and Wing excluding them all together. This will be discussed with Col. Warren tomorrow to establish a Wing Policy.

After the meeting, the Officers visited the 450th Stat Office. Arrangements were made to have group Stat Officers visit each group to compare office procedure.

ORDNANCE SECTION

Checked with Service Group as to the possibilities of the 449th Bomb Group receiving a replacement of the ambulance which was wrecked and salvaged. At the present time the replacement is remote.

SURGEON SECTION

Quartermaster is attempting to obtain mufflers (100/Sq) to be used by combat personnel at altitude. Lt. Eaton, personal equipment Officer has been notified and he is notifying the Groups. The Groups are to requisition them on the above basis.

Major Gavin with Major Faust of the 62nd Serv. Ctr. inspected the bakery at Manduria today and the handling of the bread.

Lt. Day and Tech Tep. Riggin and Carpenter are in the hospital.

WEATHER SECTION: Major Moseley and Lt. Wallace visited 376th Bomb Group this day and inspected weather station and talked over problems concerning weather.

OTHER SECTIONS: Nil.

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Tuesday
26 December 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )

Routine

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and stated that we are receiving a Lt. Col. Van Meter as a replacement for Lt. Col. Frank (98th Group). Told Air Force that there is no position vacancy within the wing. Air Force stated that they had no position vacancy and that we would have to accept this Officer.

Air Force called and requested the number of Field and Company grade Officers with 28 or more months overseas service as of Dec 31st. Our report is 6 Field grade and 2 company grade with 2 more Company grade becoming eligible (under this survey) one on 5 Jan. and one on 27 January.

Received letter ETOUSA authorizing battle star for "Normandy" campaign for the 4 group Hq. and all Squadrons of this wing. Wing Hq. is not authorized battle credit for this campaign.

A-3 SECTION

COLONEL WARREN: Major Van DeCarr assigned from 98th to 449th Group.

Major Elliott back from Bucharest.

Briefing of all group operations personnel and lead crews held by A-3 for special task.

Captain CRUMTER: Mobile Training Unit started at 450th today.

Each group picked up C-12 Generator at Pari. Generator will supply enough power for all training.

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AERIAL TRAINING:

98th Bomb Group:
4 a/c PFF Range #4
1 a/c PFF Dry runs.

376th Bomb Group:
1 a/c Transition
2 a/c Gunnery
4 a/c Bombing
2 a/c Bomb range

449th Bomb Group:
1 a/c Bomb Range
1 a/c Transition

450th Bomb Group:
6 a/c Bomb Range.
2 a/c Gunnery range
4 a/c Instruments
4 a/c Transition.

SPECIAL SERVICE SECTION.

Fifteenth Air Force informed this office that the 376th Bomb Group Touch Football team will play a team representing the Air Force Depot #5 on New Year's Day. Game time will be at 1330-hours at Bari stadium. Names and home addresses of the 376th Bomb Group players have been submitted to Air Force for the necessary publicity.

Called Air Force and attempted to secure several films for our Bomb Groups for New Year's Eve..... Air Force stated that their library was not large enough to provide films for such a purpose.

Making arrangements to have the U.S.O. Show "Music Hall Revue" transported to Naples on the 29th.....

OTHER SECTIONS.

Nil.

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Monday
25 December 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Going to Air Force to attend a meeting at 11:00 A.M. on the reorganization of Post War Reorganization of the 15th A.F.

Gen. Greely Inter-Allied Relation (Rockefeller Board) visited the 47th Wing with Major Brown, 15th AF Bomb. We went through the Staff Sections, 331st Signal Co. and the 450th Group. The General seemed to enjoy and appreciate the heavy bomber positions in the War after seeing and hearing our side of the war.

ADJUTANT

NOTE TO THE STAFF: Material for the Daily Diary should be submitted to the Adjutant's Office by 1700 hours daily for the current day's activities.

A-1 SECTION

Received TWX from AF stating that it is not advisable to promote combat crews in excess of the 96 authorized.

Submitted 19 names of Crew Chiefs and Mechanics to Air Force for a possible change of station to the States.

A-3 SECTION

AERIAL TRAINING:

98th Bomb Group:
3 a/c PFF
1 a/c PFF

449th Bomb Group:
10 a/c
10 a/c Gunnery
6 a/c Formation
4 a/c Bomb range #3
3 a/c Bomb range #3
1 a/c Pff
2 a/c Cross country (Navigation)

376th Bomb Group:
1 a/c Slow time
3 a/c Gunnery range
1 a/c transition

450th Bomb Group:
2 a/c Gunnery
6 a/c Bomb Range #4
4 a/c Instrument.
4 a/c Transition

THE MEMBERS OF THE A-3 SECTION WISH TO EXTEND THE SEASONS GREETINGS WITH HOPES OF A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL AND CHIEF OF STAFF.

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STATISTICAL SECTION

Lt. Schmidt, Statistical Officer of 450th., visited Stat office and discussed combat crew reporting and operations reporting.

A meeting of all Group Stat Officers will be held at Wing on Wednesday, 27 December. Capt. Eubanks of the Personnel Statistics Section of the 28th SCU will be present, and probably Lt. Col. Stevens, CO of the 28th SCU. The main purpose of the meeting is to try to establish a common basis among the Groups for reporting assigned and operational crews.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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Sunday
24 December 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine

A-1 SECTION

At the end of the third week of the sixth War Bond Drive all organizations submitted negative reports except the 98th, $18.75, and the 376th, $5,534.50. This makes a total for the entire Wing of $41,911. Of this amount the 376th has sold 20,830.

A-2 SECTION

Capt Pew showed visiting General the A-2 Section and explained its operation in planning a mission.

Capt Engel assisted Maj Nugent in briefing 450th bombardiers on special project.

A-3 SECTION

Aerial Training:

98th - Ground training only.

376th- 19 a/c instrument flights.
6 a/c bomb range.
3 a/c PFF flights
11 a/c formation practice
5 a/c gunnery range
2 a/c transition
2 a/c X-country
4 a/c swing compass
1 a/c instrument check

449th- Field closed.

450th- 8 a/c gunnery range
8 a/c instruments
4 a/c calibration
4 a/c transition

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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D A I L Y  D I A R Y

23 December 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF
ADJUTANT

A-1 SECTION

Col Warner states that we will receive all key personnel that we requested. These personnel are getting air priority and should arrive in this theatre soon after 15 January 1945. We requested 3 Deputy Group Commanders, 2 Group Pathfinder Operators, 7 Squadron Commanders, 2 Group Bombardiers, 1 Group Navigator, 1 Group Operations Officer and 6 Squadron Operations Officers.

We are sending Capt Bentsen, 449th Gp to 5th Army.(exchange of personnel) on 27 Dec.

Air Force called and stated that we can send Air Mechanics and Crew Chiefs back to the states on permanent change of station, who we do not need a replacement for, who have been overseas 2 years or longer. Relayed this to the Gps.

A-3 SECTION

Capt Grimmer, Attended meeting of Wing Training Officers at 15th AF on 12/21/44. This Wing is to be visited by other Wings in regard to the training program in the very near future. Mobile training unit returned from 49th Wing. Preparations are being made to have this unit in operation at the 450th Gp on 26 Dec/44. A 60 day extension has been granted for work in this Wing. Arrangements have been made with the 15th Fighter Command whereby on stand down days with local weather permitting they will send A/C down to attack our practice formations.

Maj Staley: Routine.
Maj Elliott: At 15th AF.

Lt Eaton. Discussed problems with AF and Service Command while in Bari. Compared training and instalations with 5th Wing Personal Equipment O who was also weathered in at Bari. Wrote letter to clarify what flying clothing rotation personnel may take to the states.

Aerial Training: 449th Field closed. 376th 1 a/c slow time, 1 test hop. 450th None. 98th 2 a/c Nav, 4 a/c swing compas, 5 a/c inst. flying, 1 Gunnery, 3 a/c formation, 2 Pff flights.

Col Warren: routine day.

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ORDNANCE SECTION

Mr Adair and Mr Monks, Chrysler and Ford Motor Companies representatives informed this office that during the tour of the groups, they noted that 1st and 2nd echelon preventative maintenance was being satisfactorily performed.

Capt Curry, 1052nd M.P. Co, had completed the exchange of vehicle as arranged by this office and he very well satisfied.

Called AF and requested that this Wing be supplied with lubrication fittings.

A-2 SECTION

Two target models prepared by Capt Engel displayed for Maj Gen Twining. One model later in day was used in the 450th Gp bomb trainer.

Summary of lessons learned from recent successful evasions in Germany, Austria, and North Italy prepared by Capt Pew for distribution to Groups.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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Friday
22 December 1944.

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine

A-1 SECTION

Received $86.00 from 450th group as contribution to AAF Aid Society.

Received TWX from Air Force to the effect that Warrant Officer examinations will be held in this theatre during January 1945. A selection board is to be appointed at this Headquarters.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to all groups reference new method of receipting for bomb-strike photos which includes a listing of all negatives printed. This system required by 15th AF.

A-3 SECTION

Col. WARREN: Gioia-- getting 75 new A/C -- asked 15th AF for some and was informed that we are best off of anyone and that they almost had to take some away from us, but due to fact our bombing better than others, decided they had better leave A/C where they can be used to advantage.

Maj. Nugent - Attended briefing at Foggia on 20th December - Fifth Wing - blind landing equipment.
Briefed lead crews (449th and 98th) on blind landing equipment on 21st December.
Worked on Bombing Survey on 22nd December.

Lt. Farris: Flew mission with 450th (21st December 1944.)

ORDNANCE

Each group now has 16 each, Release Point Markers, and enough flares to last them for twelve missions.

Chrysler and Ford Motor Companies representatives will be here tomorrow to go over various matters that they found in the field and with recommendation for improvement.

No Ordnance Officer replacement available.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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Thursday
21 December 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

PX meeting held in officer's club. Lt. Col. Heller, Adriatic Base PX officer was present, all units in the wing was represented. It was decided that: "Beginning Jan. 1, 1945 all Rationed Items will be issued by the unit PX's." The Mandurio PX will become a clothing store only.

General RUSH'S house warming:

ALL OFFICER'S of this Headquarters are invited; uniform--blouse or battle jacket. Receiving line between 5:30 and 5:45 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY

The usual Sunday morning force (after a Wing dance).

ADJUTANT

Routine

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and stated that Champigno will be open to twin engine aircraft only for the next few days. Air Force will call us next week as to the exact date that 4 engine aircraft may land there.

Called Air Force about our allotment for Permanent rotation to the States. Air Force said that they had no word on it, and do not expect any information for the next 4 or 5 days.

Forwarded temporary duty roster to Air Force (January increment).

1st Lt. Collette 450th Gp. will be placed on DS with this Hq. as Off. Courier.

A-2 SECTION

Lt. Elkins relieved of DS and returned to 376th Group on completion of the terrain model on which he has been working with Capt. Engel.

Weekly "Flak-Fighter" report distributed to groups and squadrons.



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A-3 SECTION

COLONEL WARREN: Captain Grimmer to Air Force for meeting of Training Officers.

All groups held special practice using new blind landing equipment - weather interfered considerably.

AERIAL TRAINING

98th Bomb Group:
1 a/c PFF altitude test.
2 a/c Navigational
4 a/c Transition
6 a/c Lead Crew Practice

376th Bomb Group:
2 a/c Transition
1 a/c High Altitude
1 a/c Cross country
8 a/c Lead crew practice

ORDNANCE

In compliance with directive from Air Force had the 909th ABS BN turn in 60mm Mortar and Browning Automatic Rifles to the Depot.

Scheduled the Chrysler and Ford Motor Company representatives at the 449th Bomb Group, this will complete their tour.

INSPECTION

Lt. Matthews has started the periodic inspection of the 98th Bomb Group.

Major Brown has started an Administrative inspection of the 98th Bomb Group.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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Wednesday
20 December 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine

ADJUTANT

A conference on post exchanges is being held at 0930 hours 21 Dec. in the War Room. Personnel to attend include all unit post exchange officers and executive officers.

Received information from AF that another small whiskey ration consisting of scotch and gin would be issued in a few days.

A-1 SECTION

Bronze Star published for T/Sgt. Blundell NCO in charge Gp Photo Section 98th group.

Called AF for letter as authority (giving geographical limits and inclusive campaign dates), so that our groups may submit recommendations for Battle participation credit for air offensive "Northern France" and "Germany". Air Force stated they did not have this letter and had called AAF/MTO and that we should have this in a couple of days.

AF called and stated that Capt. Kestler (sent to Fighter Command) for interview yesterday) has been approved for transfer to that organization.

AF called and stated that CWO Bell, 376th group would be transferred per orders of Hq AAF/M TO to that Hq and that they (AF) could not do anything about it.

A-2 SECTION

Three (3) Russians picked up by MP's at Grottaglie, two of them in German uniforms, but check revealed they were from two battalions of Russians who had been in the German labor force prior to their capture by the Allies, and are still wearing the German uniforms. They are stationed near Taranto.

450th Gp wants authority to hold over one of the radio monitors now completing missions to handle translation from "play back" on radio recordings to be obtained on missions. Records from other groups would be handled at 450th, which will have only playback unit.



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A-3 SECTION

AERIAL TRAINING

98th Bomb Group:
3 a/c Transition
2 a/c Navigation - x-country.
20 a/c Formation
4 a/c Destroyer target.
1 a/c Test Hop and bombing.

376th Bomb Group:
1 a/c PFF
11 a/c Transition
2 a/c Calibration
19 a/c Practice Formation
5 a/c Instruments.

449th Bomb Group:
1 a/c PFF
2 a/c Bomb Range #3
3 a/c Orientation
2 a/c Transition

450th Bomb Group:
1 a/c Cross country.
2 a/c Slow time.
4 a/c Bombing.

Major STALEY: Routine--checked weather for mission this morning.

Lt. LEICHHARDT: Leaving S O P of A-3 duty room and planning room.

Major Nugent and Capt. Rogers flew to Foggia this morning on special deal.

ORDNANCE

Arranged to have available twenty, M47, WP, bombs for tests.

Scheduled Chrysler and Ford representatives for the 98th Bomb Groups.

Checked with Air Force if the new Long Burning Float Flare was available in this Theater. They informed that none had been shipped to Italy.

Expect some 500 lt. Bombs to arrive shortly. These will replenish our bases.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520

/tfp

Tuesday
19 December 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col. Stoltz A-3 15th AF called to say that the 47th Wing had been selected to receive a Polish Air Commander Rayski who will be here for a ten (10) day period to study strategic bombing. he will be authorized to go on three (3) combat missions AF will notify us when he is to arrive.

PX meeting Thursday 21 December 1944 in War Room at 9:30 A.M. All unit PX and Executive Officers, Lt. Taft, Manduria PX Officer, Adriatic Base PX Officer, Col. Walters and Capt. McFadden.

General Twining and General Born will come down for General Rush's house warming on Friday 22 December 1944.

ADJUTANT

Routine

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and asked for two (2) Navigators not above the grade of 1st Lt. restricted from high altitude flying for transfer to 12th Air Force for rescue work. They would still receive combat credit. After checking with groups we rendered AF a negative report.

Air Force called and requested us to send Capt. Kestler to Fighter Command for interview.

Five (5) crews reported in and assigned as follows: 2 to 376th group and 3 to 450th group.

121 B-24 crews are due in during December and have not as yet arrived. AF states 30 are due in, in a few days and 55 or 60 are due in 31st December. They do not know when the remainder are due in.

177 B-24 Crews are due in Air Force during the month of January.

8 B-24 Crews are due in Air Force during the month of February.

Air Force is getting in 55 "Mickey" Navigators before 31st December.

Four (4) Engine Aircraft will be allowed to land at Champigno Airport Rome for purpose of transporting rest camp personnel. When circling the field, Pilots are to announce the fact that they have rest camp personnel aboard, is the fact that there are special parking facilities for these aircraft.

Col. Cassell and representatives from each group attended a conference at Air Force reference proposed changes in T/O's.

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A-2 SECTION

Capt. Few to 15th Air Force for confevence with escape intelligence officer. Hereafter escape purses will be distributed only by officer courier - as a bag of such purses apparently has disappeared from regular distribution channels in another Wing.

A-3 SECTION

AERIAL TRAINING

98th GROUP

1 A/C PFF - destroyer
1 A/C - country - navigation
2 A/C transition

449th GROUP

1 A/C x-country - navigation
1 A/C emergency procedures
2 A/C R.R. #3
2 A/C local navigation

376th GROUP

2 A/C PFF
2 A/C alt. flying.
1 A/C gunnery
2 A/C transition
2 A/C x-country navigation

450th GROUP

4 A/C lead team #4
2 A/C x-country navigation
2 A/C transition

A-4 SECTION

This office has made arrangements with A-1 whereby A-4 is notified when new crews are expected. This allows this office to anticipate the needs for cots and tents and make the necessary arrangements to have them available for new crews. This system has proven very satisfactory over a period of three (3) weeks.

Investigating shortage of cherry rivets that exist in the 98th Bomb Group. Will know tomorrow. Also checked on availability of C-10 units for P-24's in addition to those authorized. They are still a critical item.

Checked on status of Yugoslav ship at 376th. It does not appear on any status report whatsoever and it does not effect their status in any way. Notified Col. Graff.

ORDNANCE

Expect to receive tomorrow enough Release Point Markers to bring each group up to sixteen each.

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ORDNANCE Cont'd.

Representatives of the Chrysler and Ford Motor Companies lectured and discussed vehicles problems with the personnel of the 450th Bomb Group and 1647th Ordnance S & M Co. Tomorrow they will cover the 376th Bomb Group.

SIGNALS

Meeting held of all Group Radar and H2X Officers. Captain Rogers of the Wing A-2 Section attended.

Radio set RC-103 installed in all lead Pathfinder Aircraft.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 42TH WING /tfp
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Monday
18 December 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF ) Routine
ADJUTANT

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and asked if we desired an engineering officer in grade of 2d Lt. We informed AF that we did and requested his assignment for the 376th group.

Five crews are due in tomorrow.

Air Force called and informed us that nominees for duty with MATS would report to Air Force at 1230 hours on 23 Dec instead of 22 Dec as previously directed. We notified groups.

Received General orders publishing the Distinguished Service Cross for 1st Lt. Christianson (Pilot) 515 Squadron, 376th group and for 1st Lt. Witt (posthusmously) (Pilot), 719th Squadron, 449th group.

Called Air Force in reference to reassigning Maj. Tucker 98th Group from TD to POS in US. AF stated that it could not possibly be done, since they have many other requests for same purpose. It is noted that this officer should be returning to this theatre immediately, as he departed about the end of September.

1st Lt. Leichardt (Navigator) is being assigned to this Headquarters from 376th group.

Inquired of Air Force with reference to whereabouts of our Information and Education Officers. Air Force stated they did not know at this time.

We were notified by Air Force that in the future that we will get one (1) Bombardier for each two crews.

Air Force called and stated that we may have to accept an Officer for the vacancy created by the rotation of Maj. McConnell. We did not desire an Officer, inasmuch as Maj. McConnell was an overage in this hq. Air Force stated that they would try to divert the replacement.

Col. Cassell will attend a conference on proposed changes on T/O and E's at 1400 hours at Air Force, tomorrow. Col. Fleischer, 449th group, Major "D" 376th group, Capt. Wells, Group Adj 450 Group and Lt. Wright Sq. Adj. at 98th group will also attend this meeting.

A-2 SECTION

List of all targets within the operating area of the Wing at which smoke screens have been encountered prepared and distributed to Groups.

450th Bomb Group turned in a field bag of classified RAF papers found on the Mandurin road. Check indicates the materials were lost by an officer of the



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British unit which stayed briefly at the 450th Base, so the bag will be forwarded to the Balkan Air Force for disposition.

A-3 SECTION

TRAINING:

98th Bomb Group:
1 a/c Bomb Range #4
1 a/c Transition
1 a/c Navigation

376th Bomb Group:
1 a/c Cross country.
1 a/c Lead Practice.

449th Bomb Group:
2 a/c Test Hops
No other a/c Available for training.

450th Bomb Group:
8 a/c Bomb Range
3 a/c Gunnery

A-4 SECTION

The motor pool has been cleaned out of old vehicles as requested.

ARMAMENT

Captain Hart was in Bari today. He had a discussion with Lt. Hiss, acting Armament Officer of the 15th Air Force, the possibility of changing the "Daily Armament Status Report" which is now used by all Groups in the 15th Air Force. Lt. Hics is quite favorable to this change and will soon come down to this Wing at which time he will go over the method which we are using.

Captain Hart brought back some C-1 Auto-pilot parts for A-3 Training.

SURGEON

Yesterday a meeting of the Group Surgeons was held and a demonstration for applying plaster casts on severe frost bite was made by a Lt. Col. and Major from the 26th General Hosp. and Major from 15th Air Force. It is an experiment and controls of the opposite member are to be kept. For example if both feet are bitten one will be put in a cast and the other left out.

ORDNANCE

Requested the Group Ordnance Officers to make a survey as to their needs of Trailer Bomb Springs.

A representative of the Chrysler Motor Corp. called on this office. We arranged for him to visit all of the groups in this Command and take up the various problems that the mechanics have with Chrysler products.

INSPECTION

Visitied 888th Squadron at Brindisi with Col. Kyle. It had been rumored that this Squadron was to receive 18 new P-24's on first priority to use in handling freight. Actually they are to receive one new ship plus a



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completely equipped Squadron from the States. This will not affect delivery of new ships to us.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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Sunday
17 December 1944

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DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )

Routine

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and asked for nominees grade of Major (Pilot) for interview at AAF/MTO and possible selection for Air Sub Commission of the Allied Control Commission in Rome. We nominated Major Sess from 449th Gp. We are cutting orders placing this Officer on TD with AAF/MTO for 3 days effective 19 Dec/44. Gp notified.

7 crews (minus bombardiers) reported in and were assigned as follows: 3 to 98th Gp; 2 to 449th Gp and 2 to 450th Gp.

1st Lt Kursel (Engineering Officer) reported in and assigned to 450th Group.

Cash sales of war bonds during the past week (ending today) totaled $9666.75. Of this total the 376th Gp contributed $6315.50.

Air Force called and stated that we would have to accept officers for rotation vacancies., These officers will report to this Hq possibly within the next two weeks. It appears that groups will have to accept these officers and carry them as overages.

Air Force called today and wanted pilots not above 1st Lt who have completed their missions for assignment to MATS. Requirements are as follows: Must fly 1000 hours before being eligible for rotation. They will receive time and a half credit for all combat hours. Officers will ferry aircraft such as C-47, C-53, B-25, P-47, P-51 and P-38's. They will fly from Casablanca into Italy and France. We notified all organizations to make a report to this Hq. These officers are to be at Air Force on 22 Dec/44 for interview by representatives of MATS.

Maj Garrison, Capt Byrne and Lt Pangalos left today for TD in States.

A-2 SECTION

Routine.

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A-3 SECTION

Aerial Training:

98th - 2 a/c Range #4 at 1300
1 a/c Navigation
1 a/c Transition

376th - 4 a/c slow time
1 a/c Practice Bomb.
1 a/c compass swing
#760 X-country - 1135
#379 X-country -(Manduria)

449th - 1 a/c bombing
1 a/c transition

450th - 4 a/c Bomb Range #3
1 a/c Transition
2 a/c Gunnery.

Col Warren: Col Zoller, MAAF, won't help obtain proposed island bomb range because it is under control of "Greek Allied Hq" and furthermore they aren't sure surrounding islands are in friendly hands.

ORDNANCE

Again called to the Attention of the Ordnance Section, Air Force, that this command is short of Officer Personnel.

Due to the increased use of skeet ammunition have requested an additional expenditure authority for 100,000 rounds.

Tires and tube situation is very critical, therefore, it is desired that every precaution be taken to preserve these items.

INSPECTION

The sheet metal work on the experimental ship has been completed. The forms for the plexiglass sections are partically complete. However, sufficient plexiglass has not yet been found. Lt Mercer says that with any luck and providing 450th receives no more extensive flak damage the work should be complete by the end of the week.

Maintenance stands are being constructed for all Squadrons of the 450th. Until the engineers complete the first priority work on the landing strip nothing can be done on the permanent maintenance hardstand for each Sq.



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SIGNAL

Meeting of all Gp Communications Officers held at Wing Signals Office.

Mr. Davis of the 331st Signal Company demonstrated to all attending Officers the new FM Radio Telephone Equipment just received. This new equipment will be set up between this Headquarters, Groups and Headquarters 15th Air Force, as a stand by means of communications.

Air Force advises that planes now pending call for the installations of three (3) Spot Jammers in ten (10) aircraft of each group. The start of this project is pending instructions by A-3, 15th Air Force.

The Italian Navy Beacon should be in operation by the end of this week. The installation has been held up pending the erection of two (2) 100 ft steel towers by the Navy Personnel.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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D A I L Y  D I A R Y

16 December 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )
Routine

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and asked for "Mickey" operators who had finished their tour and would volunteer for about two months DS with Air Force on "experimental" work. Checked with groups. Furnished a negative report to Air Force.

1 crew received from 22nd Repl Bn today and assigned to 449th Gp.

7 crews minus bombardiers are due in from Gioia tomorrow.

The change of departure and return of the plane to the 5th Army received from Air Force and relayed to the Group Adjutants.

We are sending Maj Taylor, 376th Gp to the 5th Army on 20 Dec/44.

1st Lt Julian reported in and assigned to Hq Sq (Adjutant).

Called Air Force reference promotions for personnel about the "96 crew level" authorized groups, inasmuch as we average 104 crews per group. Col Warner stated that he called AAF/WTO again and that they had sent a wire to the CG AAF in Washington. We should have some information on this in the near future.

Bronze Stars have been approved for Capt Hickok (Intelligence O, 98th Gp) and Capt Lacy (Adjutant 512th Sq, 376th Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Routine

A-3 SECTION

Aerial Training for today:

98th 2 a/c Bombing Range
2 a/c Navigation
1 a/c Transition

376th - None

449th - None

450th - 2 a/c Gunnery practice.
4 a/c Lead crew Trg.
2 a/c Bomb Practice.

Col Warren: 15th AF gave permission verbally to remove flame dampers from B-24's.
B-25 transferred from 449th Gp to Wing Headquarters.
"Stinkey" and "Rose Marie" have departed for 15th AF Hqs.



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ARMAMENT

Capt Hart has now completed the inspection of the Armament Maintenance and facilities at the 450th Gp.

Capt Hart interviewed an Armament and Bombsight Maintenance Officer from the 55th Wing today. This Officer will request a transfer to this Wing and is scheduled to fill an opening as Bombsight Officer in one of the Gps.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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APO 520

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Friday.
15 December 1944.

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )
Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Assigned 2nd Lt Benedict (grounded pilot, formerly 450th Gp) to 98th Gp as Personal Equipment O.

We are receiving one crew from 22nd Repl Bn at Bari tomorrow.

AF called and stated that time of arrival for personnel going to San Spirito rest camp will be on Monday mornings and that time of departure will be Monday afternoons, effective 7 Jan/45. Gps notified.

Called AF reference WD letter 1 Dec/44 augmenting Sc T/O by six radar observers & reducing T/O 12 2nd Lt Bombardiers. AF stated that report called for in this letter (effective date organizations operate under this change) may be made by AF and to hold up on any reports. Gps notified.

AF called and stated that before any "Mickey" operators are nominated for combat crew rotation, that it must be cleared through A-2. Coordinated this information with our A-3 Section. Our A-3 will check with AF A-3. Gp Adjutants notified.

Asked AF to transfer Capt Partridge on DS with 885th Bomb Sq from 449th Gp. AF said they will cut orders.

Called AF and requested Lt Friedman (Engineering Officer) be asgd to 450th Gp. AF said will do so.

Called AF and asked again for status of Lt Julian (Adjutant for Hq Sq Wing.) AF stated he will arrive tomorrow.

A-2 SECTION

TWX to all Gp Commanders grounding personnel who are familiar with a forthcoming operation. Cleared with Gen Rush and Col Warren.

Capt Gillan returned to duty from two-day pathfinder intelligence school conducted at Air Force Hq. for one intelligence offier from each group and wing in the 15th AF.

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A-2 SECTION

Aerial Training for today:

98th - 2 a/c FR #4
9 a/c Nav.
7 a/c Gunnery
4 a/c compass swing
4 a/c A/S calib.
1 a/c XC Nav
4 a/c Night flying 1800 - 2200
2,000 to 3,500 ft.

376th - R/W closed

449th - 3 a/c BR
1 a/c Gunnery
3 a/c Trans.
1 a/c XC Nav.

450th - 5 a/c lead team practice.
4 a/c Gunnery
2 a/c Trans.

Lt Eaton: Flew to Catania to pick up Capt Grimmer yesterday. Lt Benedict assigned to 98th Gp as Sq PRO.

STATISTICAL

Lt Mennis visited statistical sections of 98th and 376th Groups. Both are in excellent condition. Discussed operations reporting and combat crew reporting.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

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Thursday
14 December 44

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

## CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine

## ADJUTANT

Major IZARD and Capt LEUSER, A-4 Section, Hq 15th Air Force reported in. They are making a survey of the method of supply operations utilized in the Wing.

Lt Colonel KENDALL, Inspector General, 15th Air Force reported in. He is conducting an investigation in the 62d Service Group, but is being billeted at this Headquarters.

## A-1 SECTION

Received letter orders 15th Air Force, 13 Dec 44 to return 2d Lt HOLLINSWORTH, 450th Group to the States to attend Flexible Gunnery School.

Received call from Air Force that award of Legion of Merit has been published in General Orders for Lt ColFLEISCHER, 449th Group.

## A-2 SECTION

1st Lt ELKINS, 376th Group, put on DS at Wing Headquarters to assist Capt ENGEL in immediate preparation of a target model to be studied by lead bombardiers of the Groups of this Wing.

## A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN: We are losing "Stinkey" and "Rose Marie" to 15th Air Force. Plan is to pull 449th ship to Wing, leaving this Headquarters two a/c and 376th one.

Sent Teletype message to 15th Air Force summarizing recommendations of Groups on cirrus cloud formation flying.

Called Col ROGERS: (1) Recommended flame dampers be removed from B-24's during day operations because they are causing turn-backs when collector rings burn out. (2). That advance plans be made for installing deicer boots on few a/c in each Group if tactical flying in weather is planned.

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TRAINING

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 3 a/c bomb range | 1 a/c transition |
| 12 a/c formation | 2 a/c gunnery range |
| 7 a/c gunnery range | 10 a/c instruments * |
| 1 a/c transition | 3 a/c slow time |
| 7 a/c calibration | 15 a/c formation * |
| 8 a/c formation | 1 a/c mickey check |
| 2 a/c instrument check | |
| | * 7 of these the same |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 1 a/c transition | 4 a/c instrument |
| runway unserviceable | 1 a/c XC (Navigation) |
| | 7 a/c formation |

MR. WALLER:- New PFF ship being picked up for assignment to 450th Group

Captain GRIMMER:- Returned from Sicily today (14 Dec)

SURGEON

Col COGLAND went to Air Force this afternoon. He will proceed to 55th Wing tomorrow and return Sunday.

A meeting of Group Surgeons will be held here Sunday. Col. PAYNE and Major EVANS of 26th General Hospital and Major BASSETT of Air Force are to demonstrate Plaster splint treatment of Frostbite.

INSPECTION

Lt MATTHEWS completed the Technical inspection of the 450th Bomb Group.

Major BROWN completed the Administrative Inspection of the 449th Bomb Group.

STATISTICAL

Lt MENNIS visited 449th Statistical Section. Conferred with Capt BARKLEY, Group Stat Officer, on operations reporting and combat crew reporting. Statiscal office in excellent shape.



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B&B

American Liquor supply for December is now on hand. Issue will be made at noon 15 December. Price per bottle is two dollars. System of distribution will be by drawing name of Liquor this giving all Officers an equal chance at all brands.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV) /so

Wednesday
13 December 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col COGLAND and I flew down to the 376th Group and had lunch;after which Col THOMPSON, Major WOOD and I looked in the:-

a. 515th Sq Officers' Mess --- clean

b. 515th Sq combat crew barracks across from the Officers' Mess; all partitions are being taken out, which will give more room.

c. 513th Sq Enlisted Mess. A new building and a tremendous improvement over the tents.

d. The new Headquarters Squadron Enlisted Men's Club.

Both Col THOMPSON and Major WOOD are becoming increasingly alert to the condition and appearance of all units in the Group and as a result a big clean up and sanitation campaign has been started.

I certainly am glad to see this regeneration of pride in this Group, everyone in this Headquarters should encourage and help it all they possibly can.

The runway is still terrible, tho!...

ADJUTANT

Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and stated they were sending a 1st Lt FRIEDMAN (Engineering Off) down to 450th Group for interview per our recent request to Air Force.

Air Force called and stated that all personnel for permanent and temporary duty rotation were to be at 22d Repl Bn at Bari on 16th or 17th Dec 44. They further stated to begin work on rosters on temporary duty rotation for January--these rosters to be in Air Force monthly on the 20th. Groups notified.

Reference letter Air Force, 27 Nov 44, we furnished name of Major TAYLOR, 376th Group as being interested in post war-Air Intelligence. This is for officers of RA only.



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A-2 SECTION

Theft of more than 5,000 12-guage shotgun shells from 376th Group skeet range being investigated.

Plans started for second anniversary edition of the "BOMB BLAST for 25 February. Attempt will be made to obtain previous clearance for mailing, the present rule being that a unit publication can have only one issue per year cleared with the censor for mailing.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN:- Instructed all Groups to use colors of day for aerial identification when for any reason they have to approach other a/c in flight over enemy territory.

Col ROGERS says we may lose 2 - B-25 aircraft because we have more than other Wings - we can pick aircraft.

Groups instructed to experiment on WX flying with Wing men.

TRAINING:

98th Group
6 a/c formation
1 a/c transition
3 a/c navigation
2 a/c bombing
1 a/c transition
6 a/c formation
4 bombing, calibration

376th Group
10 a/c gunnery range
1 a/c slow time
1 a/c practice bombing
3 a/c instruments
1 a/c transition
4 a/c formation
2 a/c radar check
2 a/c XC (Bari & Naples)

449th Group
29 a/c formation and Bombing #3
6 a/c test hops
10 a/c instruments
5 a/c transition
3 a/c calibration

450th Group
6 a/c bomb range #3
4 a/c ship formation and bombing
7 a/c gunnery
3 a/c slow time
2 a/c instruments

INSPECTION

Lt MATTHEWS continued the periodic Technical Inspection of the 450th Group.

Major BROWN is conducting an inspection of the 449th Group.



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Diary, 13 Dec 44.

SURGEON

One MAC Officer will report tomorrow. He is being assigned to the 449th Group.

STATISTICAL

Lt MENNIS visited Statistical Section of 450th Group. Discussed combat crew reporting, operations reporting, methods of statistical presentation used in the Group, and combat experience of crew members, with Lt SCHMIDT, Group Statistical Officer.

Plan a trip to 449th Group on Thursday with Lt SCHMIDT.

OTHER SECTIONS

Mil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)

Tuesday
12 December 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine.

ADJUTANT

Captain KESTLER, rotation replacement for Captain BEAN (Communications Insp.) reported for duty this date, 12 December 44.

A-1 SECTION

The Squadrons of this Wing and all Group Headquarters will be awarded battle participation credit for the campaigns "Air Offensive, Europe" and "Normandy". To date, no word has been received about battle credit for Wing Headquarters. Groups notified of their eligibility.

Air Force asked for a Lt Colonel and a Major to serve on a General Court at A ir Force. We furnished Lt Col GEORGE, 376th Group, and Major ALEXANDER, 450th Group. There is nothing definite as to when this Court meets, although it may be next week.

Capt GNAGNARELLI attended meeting at which proposed changes to T/O & E were discussed.

As of this date we are attaching 10 EM (colored) 837th Engineers Bn to Co "B", 909th Air Base Security Bn for rations and quarters as of 7 December 44.

Assigned 2d Lt HARPER (Pers Equip Off) to 376th Group.

Capt HICKS (Engineering Off, Hq 449th Group) has been awarded the Bronze Star.

Checked with Air Force on the status of the Legion of Merit for Lt Col FLEISCHER, 449th Group. Air Force stated they had approved it and forwarded it to AAF/MTO on 3 October 44, and that they would check by phone and let us know.

A-2 SECTION

Capt FREDERIC C. PEW, O-904650, relieved of DS at 98th Group and reported for duty as Asst A-2.

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A-2 SECTION contd..

Capt GILLAN, Asst Wing A-2, and 1 Intelligence Officer from each Group to Fifteenth Air Force HQ. to attend a Pathfinder Intelligence School lasting three days. The course, organized at request of this Wing, is intended to make Intelligence personnel more cognizant of specialized Pathfinder requirements in mission planning, briefing, and interrogation.

Conducted weekly summary of Wing Operations.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN: Took Col ZOLLER of 15th Air Force on flight over proposed bomb range near Greece. He liked range and Air Force will approve our request. Zoller will go personally to MAAF to clear range if possible.

Major ELLIOTT: Made an inspection of the 376th Group.

Major STALEY: Made an inspection of the 376th Group.

Lt FARRIS: Inspected 376th Group on 12 December and inspected 449th Group on 10 December 1944.

TRAINING:

98th Group
4 a/c formation
6 a/c navigation - XC
11 a/c bomb range (5 formation)

376th Group
10 a/c formation
6 a/c gunnery range
7 a/c local transition

449th Group
16 a/c formation, same 16 a/c
4 a/c gunnery
6 a/c bomb range
2 a/c calibration
15 a/c formation
5 a/c bomb range

450th Group
8 a/c gunnery range
3 a/c calibration
3 a/c bomb range (leads)
4 a/c local orientation
2 a/c local instrument.

SPECIAL SERVICE

The 376th Group defeated the 98th Group in a "touch" football game at the 376th Group. The 376th Group will now meet the 450th Group to determine the 47th Wing Champion at 1430 hours on 14 November 44.

The first class of the Information & Education Dept. "GI University" was conducted last evening. Only the grammar school courses were covered. Registration for high school and college levels will be conducted on 19 Dec 44. All are invited to register at the Information & Education Office, this Headquarters.

OTHER SECTIONS
Nil.



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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)

Monday
11 December 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine.

ADJUTANT

Italian guard unit consisting of 4 Officers and 195 enlisted men arrived this date. They will be attached to the 62d Service Group, but a portion of them will be available to this command for duty, if desired.

A-1 SECTION

Called Air Force for an Engineering Officer for 450th Group. Air Force stated they will try to get us one.

Major VAN DE CARR, 98th Group has been placed on DS with this Headquarters.

We have transferred Capt ROGERS, 449th Group to this HQ. as replacement for Capt SJOBERG.

The Silver Star has been awarded Lt Col BLASE, 449th Group lead mission of 26 June 1944 (Germany).

Capt LA BOUNTY has been transferred to 98th Group from Hq Sq 15th Air Force.

Air Force asked for Surplus junior grade Warrant Officers. We furnished a negative report. They did not want CWO's.

Capt BALLASSES, 98th Group is scheduled to visit the 5th Army on 13 December 44.

Asked Air Force for the status of personnel we nominated for rotation. Air Force stated that both Temporary Duty and Permanent Change personnel are scheduled to leave 17th December 44 (subject to change.....)

Checked with Air Force again about getting Capt VAIDEN as rotation replacement for Capt NUNER 98th Group. Air Force stated he had been assigned to 304th Wing from 19th Replacement Bn.

Air Force called and stated that rotation vacancy for Major BARLOW, 98th Group was unfrozen, inasmuch as the replacement (Major ISZARD) would be assigned to Air Force.

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A-1 SECTION contd..

Called Air Force about dropping officers returned to the States over six (6) months ago on Temporary Duty and who have never returned here. Air Force stated they were checking with HQ. MTO but as yet had no word for us.

A-2 SECTION

Routine.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN:- Major VAN DE CARR sent to 449th for 3 days for interview and orientation.

Capt SJOBERG:- DS to 15th Air Force to go to England on Special project.

Capt ROGERS of 449th, former Group PFF navigator, assigned to Wing HQ. and further assigned as Asst A-3, Pathfinder Navigator.

50 British B-24's at 450th and 449th overnight tonight to lead for special mission. Depart 12 December (25 at each field).

Lt Col RANDOLPH requested approval on plan for joint practice with British fighter squadron. Gave him certain restrictions and briefing necessary to insure no collisions and OK'd request.

Major ELLIOTT:- Major BROWN, 450th Group Navigator, came over with several problems which were straightened out.

Lt EATON:- Monthly inspection of 449th Group.

Received two Personal Equipment Officers from 15th Air Force;

Lt HUMPHREY asgd to 449th Group
Lt HARPER asgd to 450th Group.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 1 a/c navigation | |
| 4 a/c bombing and gunnery | Field closed.. |
| 4 a/c night practice mission | |

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A-3 SECTION contd.

TRAINING:

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 4 a/c cross-country and navigation | 5 a/c bombing |
| 1 a/c PFF bombing | 3 a/c gunnery |
| 1 a/c local | 1 a/c check and bombing for lead. |
| 3 a/c transition | |

A-4 SECTION

ARMAMENT:-

Captain HART spent the day in Bari, in conference with Major CRUICE, 15th Air Force Armament Officer.

They discussed many methods of modifying the B-7 and B-10 shackles for retaining of the arming wires. Of all the suggested methods, only two merited further experimentation. Tests on these two methods will be run off down here within the next few days.

Air Force is very much interested in our experiments on the installation of the K-13 Compensating Sight in the tail of a B-24 L, also in the nose modification we are making.

Major CRUICE expressed the desire that this Armament Section keep him closely informed on all projects such as this so that he can pass this information along to the other B-24 Wings.

INSPECTION

Routine.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Received wrist watches from the Post Exchange Warehouse in Manduria for issue to the personnel of this organization. The basis of issue will be one watch to every twenty individuals.

The 47th Wing Touch Football Tournament is scheduled to start today (Mon) with the 450th Group playing the 449th Group at Neutral. Because of wet grounds the 376th - 98th game will not be played 'til 1430 hours, 12 Dec 44.

The Sunday and Monday editions of the Stars & Stripes were delayed due to poor weather. Papers will be delivered in the morning.



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Diary, 11 Dec 44.

STATISTICAL SECTION

Lt MENNIS visited 15th Air Force. Discussed computation of bombing accuracy with Operation Analysis, and reports control operations reporting and combat crew reporting with Statistical control.

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MESS and BAR

Conferred with Major MOYER of the 62d Service Group, and secured permission for the use of his carpenter shop and personnel in conjunction with the new stools for the Bar. They tentatively scheduled to be returned to us by the end of this week.

Work is going forward on the walk from the South entrance doorway. As this will be fresh cement for the present, special care should be used when entering.

Material for curtains in the Officers' Club, is now on hand. We are arranging for a tailor to make these at an early date. Colonel CASSELL has additional funds for further purchases, so that the Mess Hall, also will be provided with curtains.

It is requested that any Officer having an extra pair of O.D. trousers, or an O.D. shirt, advise the Mess Sergeant, and he will arrange to pick up the item or items. We are not able to purchase these at the PX and at present, our kitchen personnel are still wearing summer clothes, which are not sufficient protection for this season. If we don't arrange some heavier clothing for them, sickness will result which will further complicate matters. It is hoped that the Officers of the Wing, will check on their old O.D. clothing, and assist us this time.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

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Sunday
10 December 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine

ADJUTANT

Received promotion orders on Colonel MANZO and Captain WORKMAN, effective 7 December 1944.

A-1 SECTION

Received call from Gen TWINING's Aide to have 450th Group with hold presentation of their Unit Citation until the first week of January 1945. Group notified.

Checked with Air Force for status of Lt JULIAN. It is planned to assign him as Adjutant of Hq Sq Wing. Air Force said he should be here about Tuesday, 12 Dec 44. Also inquired as to status of Lt KUNSEL (Supply Off for 450th Group). Air Force stated that they have cut orders on this officer and he should arrive her[illegible]n the next couple days.

Checked with Air Force reference assignment of 3 crew chiefs for 98th Group from 19th Repl Battalion. We had called Air Force about this during the past week per request from 98th Group. Air Force stated they could not get these men for us.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN:- Held meeting of all Group Operations Officers on points covered by Col KYLE in Diary which were brought up at 15th Air Force Also discussed future operations.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 10 a/c formation | |
| 11 a/c range #4 | 3 a/c slow time |
| 12 a/c instruments | (runway is wet) |
| 5 a/c gunnery | |
| 5 a/c transition | |
| 1 a/c navigation flight | |
| Night flying if weather permits | |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 18 a/c formation and range #3 | 8 a/c instrument |
| 6 a/c formation and range #3 | 5 a/c bombing |
| 6 a/c formation and gunnery | 2 a/c transition |
| 1 a/c formation and calibration | 4 a/c gunnery |
| 1 a/c navigation | 40 a/c this PM if Weather permits |
| 2 a/c transition | |



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Diary, 10 December 44.

STATISTICAL

Monthly Statistical Summary " FACTS and FIGURES " finished today and making rounds of Staff criticism and comments requested..

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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Saturday
9 December 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine

ADJUTANT

Routine

A-1 SECTION

Legion of merit for M/Sgt Cafareli 449th Group (Crew Chief - Harpers Ferry) approved. Has been forwarded to organization.

A-3 SECTION

Major Nugent inspected 376th Group.

Captain Sjoberg inspected 376th Group.

1st Lt. Eaton Duty Officer.

Monthly inspection of 450th Group yesterday. Considerable improvement being made in storage and care of equipment.

Captain Grimmer visited the 376th Group to inspect the training program. Group Training Personnel from the 98th, 449th and 450th were present. This completes the training tour of the Wing. Very successful results were accomplished from these visits.

TRAINING

98th Group
14 a/c range #4
10 a/c gunnery range
1 a/c instruments
3 a/c transition and navigation

376th Group

Field closed

450th Group
6 a/c gunnery
3 a/c instruments
40 a/c group formation

449th Group
2 a/c cross country navigation
3 a/c orientation new crew flights
3 a/c transition

INSPECTION

Routine



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Diary, 9 Dec 44.

SIGNAL SECTION

Major Yard and his 15th Air Force Communications Inspection team has completed the inspection of the 331st Signal Co. and 450th Bombardment Group.

35 E.M. and 1 Officer reported in yesterday. These are all H2X and RCM maintenance personnel and have been assigned to the four groups.

Letter received from 15th Air Force states that the Adriatic Depot will furnish "Free" to each of our groups 1 each 5 KVA generator, also to 47th Wing Hq's 2 each 3 KVA generators. Must be the Christmas Spirit.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)

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Friday
8 December 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

General TWINING's Wing CO's meeting, the following points were stressed:-

a. Lt Col CASSELL:- A-1 Section

1. Combat crews:-

General Twining wants each Group to have 80 crews minimum - 100 maximum, but at present the Groups will keep all crews. I argued against it, but being the only "pooler" I was overruled..

2. No more active Group and Squadron CO's can go home on DS, unless he is to be re-assigned (very, very few exceptions)

3. 450th Group citation has been approved.

4. 450th Group has the highest casualty rate in the 15th Air Force.

5. 80 Mickey Navigators enroute. Due 15th December 44.

6. Unit CO's will write a letter to the dependents of any Officer or Enlisted Man who has been in any kind of accident. New MTOUSA Circular.

7. Practically no limit on temporary ground rotation of personnel with 2 years overseas service.

8. Congressional party will arrive on or about Wednesday, 13 December 1944 (not expected to visit the 47th Wing). They want to talk to their constituents.

9. Wing Citation has been disapproved.....

b. Colonel WARREN:- A-3 Section.

1. No bombs to be dropped in Northern ITALY and YUGOSLAVIA unless the target is clearly identified.

2. General Born:
   a. Each Group to have 15 - PFF aircraft.
   b. Each Group to have 60 to 70 aircraft.

3. B-24 aircraft situation is rapidly clearing.

4. 47th Wing will get its share of the new "mickey" aircraft.

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CHIEF OF STAFF contd.

5. 5 Night fighters seen on last two missions, one shot down.

6. All non-operational flights off Italy must be approved by MAAF.

7. Keep all unnecessary aircraft out of Bari Airdrome.

8. An Airdrome is being completed in Northern Yugoslavia.

9. Pilots landing behind Russian lines may expect to be fired on by Anti-aircraft.

10. Watch making aircraft "war-weary". Conserve aircraft.

11. Too many non-operational aircraft accidents.

12. A Group in the 55th Wing was socked hard a few days ago by enemy aircraft because of:-

a. Poor box leadership.
b. Loose formation.
c. Un-alert gunners.

There are between 400 and 450 single engine fighters in Munich-Vienna area. General Strothers says that they were damn good too. The last Group usually gets hit.
There is too much Radio talk during missions.

Put the "Bee" on Frostbite.

ADJUTANT

Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Reported names of 8 Officers to Air Force assignment to MATS.

Distinguished Unit Citation for 450th Group (Regensburg, 25 Feb 44.) has been approved by HQ. AAF/MTO and forwarded to War Dept.

Air Force returned recommendation we submitted on Lt MARPE (KIA) 450th Group as DSC and stated CG, Air Force desired re-submission as Medal Honor.

Capt YAEGER will be down for interview in near future and may be assigned to Orientation & Education Section this Wing, provided he is acceptable.



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Diary, 8 Dec 44.

A-1 SECTION contd.

Col STEVENS of Air Force called and stated he is unable to furnish us any Statistical Officers at this time under rank of Captain.

Air Force called and stated we are getting and Education and Orientation Officer 2d Lt P.DIA. He will be assigned here and retained at Air Force for 10 days for indoctrination.

A-2 SECTION

Routine.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN:- Gioia has 16 new aircraft. Called Col HITT and he says we don't have much chance of getting same because we are better off than others.

Major FROM MAAF visited operations to see out methods and training system and results.

Capt GRIMMER:- Visited 449th Group with all Group Training Personnel from 98th, 376th, and 450th Groups to inspect the training program in the Group. The 376th Group will be visited tomorrow at 1000 hours.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 14 a/c range #4 | |
| 10 a/c gunnery range | Field closed.... |
| 1 a/c instruments | |
| 3 a/c transition and navigation | |

| 450th Group | 449th Group |
|---|---|
| 6 a/c gunnery | |
| 3 a/c instruments | Nil. |
| 40 a/c Group formation | |

A-4 SECTION

Nil.

INSPECTION

The forming of the nose section on the experimental ship has been completed. The parts are being removed for heat treatment at GIOIA.

Spent most of the day writing the report of the technical inspection of the 449th Group.

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ORDNANCE

Contacted Air Force regarding Release Point Markers as to their being made available in fairly good amounts. They informed that within the next nine days we should be on the receiving end of about 45.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Contacted A-3 - Major STALEY about picking up USO Show at Foggia Main on 9 December at 10 o'clock. They will do this for us.

Called A-2 about Map Room on Monday at 7:30 Friday at 6:30 for classes for the Enlisted Men. It is O.K. to use room. Talked to Capt DODD.

Made a tentative schedule for Hq Sq enlisted personnel to have a USO Show presented to them on Christmas Day.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

End...



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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

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Thursday
7 December 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine

ADJUTANT

Routine

A-1 SECTION

Checked on Lt KUPSEL (Supply Officer for 450th Group). Air Force said they would check and let us know.

9 crews reported in and were assigned as follows:
3 - 98th Group
3 - 449th Group
3 - 450th Group

Received orders on Sgt LITTISH, 376th Group returning him to ZI on emergency rotation.

Air Force called today and stated they were still checking on our Armament personnel.

Submitted list of shortages of all Ground officers to Air Force.

Air Force called for Pilot for grade of 2d Lt. We submitted a negative report.

A-2 SECTION

Lt STEVENSON attended PRO conference at 15th Air Force, result of which was a decision to evaluate PRO work on the basis of quality as well as quantity of work. The competition for high totals has resulted in the overworking of routine stories at the expense of other public relations activity. The 15th Air Force monthly summation will be a narrative report instead of a statistical comparison of the Wings. A new 15th Air Force tabloid newspaper is to be issued each Sunday, also.

A-3 SECTION

Major STALEY: Tactical inspection of the 98th Group.

Major ELLIOTT: Tactical inspection of the 98th Group.

Lt EATON: Acquired F-3 Electric Flying suit for use of HQ. personnel on missions. Also have Mae West, helmet and goggles, intermediate flying pants and boots.

A-3 SECTION contd.

TRAINING

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 20 a/c two 10 a/c boxes - formation | 25 a/c practice formation |
| 24 a/c formation | 4 a/c transition |
| | 1 a/c test hops |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 28 a/c formation | 8 a/c gunnery range |
| 8 a/c gunnery range | 2 a/c transition |
| 12 a/c bombing range | 3 a/c bombing range |
| 4 a/c transition | 2 a/c instruments |
| 4 a/c ~~tf~~ calibration | 40 a/c formation PM. |

INSPECTION

Completed routine inspection of 449th Group. In general engineering communications and armament were in excellent condition.

CWS

Contacted 376th Group operations and Capt MAUS, Group Gas Officer, relation to the use of smoke grenades for ground wind direction for returning missions.

Experience so far has been satisfactory. Am following up on this and if results in next few days continue as up to present.. will recommend this practice as S.O.P for all Groups.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

End...



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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV) /so

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

Wednesday
6 December 1944

COMMANDING GENERAL

Lt Colonel WATKINS, AC, has been asgd to the 47th Wing for duty, and will visit each Group and Staff Section prior to further assignment.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine

ADJUTANT

Routine

A-1 SECTION

Orders have been received returning Lt Col BLASE to ZI for TD for 30 days.

9 crews without aircraft due in tomorrow from GIOIA. We asked Air Force not to assign them, but Air Force said we will have to take them, because we have the lowest number of crews of any Wing.

Air Force called and stated they would transfer a S Sgt Jolesch ( for 449th Group) a Corporal and possibly one other EM (for 98th Group). These are all Public Relations personnel. This was in accordance with our request to Air Force on 5 Dec 44.

Air Force called and stated they had not received and answer to their inquiry about Capt BRAIDEN as a replacement for Capt NUNER 98th Group. They sa d they would check further and let us know.

98th Group called and gave us names of 3 crew chiefs they want to be transferred to them as replaceme ts for crew chiefs they rotated in the past. We called Air Force about it. Air Force said if these men have not already been committed, they will try to get them for us.

This Wing is over quite a few gunners. They have almost finished their tour, but because they are spares it may take them a long time to finish up. We asked Air Force about returning them to ZI without a medical certificate. Air Force said no. We will try to reassign them within the Wing.

We reminded Air Force that we are short Armament Officers. Col WARNER was not in, but Air Force said they would let us know as soon as Col WARNER returns.

A-2 SECTION

TWX to 15th Air Force relative to inconsistencies in HUSSIAN and YUGOSLAV bomblines and frontlines. Reply indicated 15th Air Force forwards



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A-2 SECTION contd.

data as received from higher headquarters. Inconsistencies not important from target standpoint, since only assigned targets are tobe attacked in this area.

A-3 SECTION

AERIAL TRAINING

98th Group
1 a/c bomb range #4
1 a/c navigation

376th Group
1 a/c test hop

449th Group
1 a/c test hop

450th Group
2 a/c XC navigation

A-4 SECTION

This office contacted the 837th Engineers and requested that they repair the road to Oria, which is in very bad shape. The Engineers assured us that they will begin repairs as soon as possible.

ARMAMENT:

Capt HART worked on the Gunsight modification for the B-24. Work is progressing very satisfactory. Sight will be ready for installation upon completion of the nose modification.
Capt HART will finish inspection of the 449th Bomb Group this morning.

SURGEON

In 98th Group, in flying personnel only, as of 2 Dec 44, there were 176 cases of Hepatitis who had lost a total of 2219 days. For all other illnesses, wounds or accidents, there were 173 individuals grounded who had lost 714 days.

The water point on Aculian supply for use of 98th Group has not yet been established. Permission must be received from British 208 Sub-Area (Brindisi) for this. Group is requesting permission today. Water pipe is NOT available. Groups is short one decontamination water truck and Air Force has promised to deliver another one (perhaps within a week). It may be necessary to supply another from a Group which has a water supply.

Replacement ambulance for 449th Group is not available. Suggested that a carry-all be converted, drawn from another Group for use of 449th.

There is evidence of cases of small pox in San Pan and Grottogalie, in addition to those at Ceglie. Further investigation will be made.

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SPECIAL SERVICE

Made a schedule for the USO show #307 "Broadway Varieties" to tour the 47th Wing circuit commencing 9 December 1944.

Called 449th Bomb Group Band and asked if they would represent the 47th Wing during the officer's football game on 31 December with the 376th Bomb Group.

Called 15th Air Force re: Obtaining an orchestra for the Officer's Dance on New Years Eve but was not successful.

The first phase of an education program which is to be a model for the Wing begins on Monday, 11 December 1944 with the opening of a grammar school for the benefit of the men of Headquarters Squadron, 47th Wing and 331st Signal Company. The projected program calls for the establishment of three levels of education -- Grammar School, High School, and College, throughout the Wing. As a beginning the Headquarters Squadron and the 331st Signal Company are being used to perfect the plans already blueprinted for the remainder of the Wing. Already the 450th Bomb Group is preparing to follow the model set forth by the Wing Information and Education Office.

Distributed Wing Touch Football Schedule to the four Groups - On 11 December the 98th Bomb Group will play the 376th Bomb Group at the latter's field. Kickoff will be at 1430 hrs. The 450th will play the 449th at the latter's field at 1430 hrs. The winner of these two groups game will meet on 13 December 1944 to decide the 47th Wing Champion. The Wing champion team will meet the 885th Bomb Squadron on 15 December 1944 to decide the team to represent this area in the invitation tournament in Bari in the near future.

CWS

Mess and Bar:

Started actual construction of new Officer's bar today. Held a meeting of all officers actively cooperating in the construction, including Colonel Doty, Colonel Thomas, Majors Perry and Von Noy and Captain Bason.

Contacted Major Mover at the 62nd Service Group for additional material, and received permission for same.

Major Von Noy and the Mess Officer went to Manduria, and obtained additional materials necessary, among which were nails, which are selling at fifteen dollars a kilogram. This is excessive by far, but the chap has the only supply available, and that's his price.

Work is going forward at this time, and IF necessary, we will work nights, to get this part of our redecoration project completed in time for this Saturdays' dance.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  /so

Tuesday
5 December 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF ) Routine
(Africa)

ADJUTANT

Col WALTERS departed this morning (6 Dec) for Sicily.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and stated that Major AUCHARD, 376th Group will be trfd to Super Service Command. Group was notified.

Air Force also called and stated that there was no selection for the Command ans Staff School for the 47th Wing.

Exclusive of Air Medals, during the period of 19 Nov 43, and 1 Nov 44, 2698 decorations of all types have been awarded in this Wing.

Called Air Force for 2 enlisted public relations personnel for 98th Group. Air Force stated they would check at the 19th Replacement Depot for these personnel, for us. We also asked Air Force to transfer S Sgt Jolesch (public relations) for this Wing to 449th Group, who will accept him in grade of S Sgt. Air Force stated they would transfer him if the 19th Repl. Depot will release him.

Col CASSELL and Major BROWN inspected Rest Hotel in Lecce. It is closed for 4 or 6 days for alterations. Also looked over Red Cross facilities and M.P. Station.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to all Groups directing destruction of all except one file copy of each piece of target material made obsolete by Allied occupation of France, Roumania, Italy (South of Florence), Bulgaria, Greece and North Africa.

A-3 SECTION

Major STALEY: Went to the 376th Group with General RUSH.

Major NUGENT: Explained Bombing Organization and set-up to newly assigned bombardiers and Pilots from the Air Training Command.

Discussed C-1 malfunctions and discussed policy to erradicate them. Talked with Teh. Rep about setting up Wing Lead Team School.

Capt SJOBERG: Looked over Destroyer this morning. Appears to be in good condition. Made arrangements for Mickey Operator from 98th to go to Bari, 10-16 December for instruction on H2X trainer.

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A-3 SECTION contd

Capt GRIMMER: Mobile Training Unit has finished the 98th Group. A total of 84 complete crews were schooled. This unit is on DS to the 49th Wing for 15 days at which time it will return to instruct at the 449th and 450th Groups.

Investigated a/c accident at 449th, Dec 4, 1944. Aircraft crashed 3 miles s/w of SAVA after having taken off from GROTTAGLIE on a practice mission. No evidence of engine failure was found. Crew of six were killed.

Capt DEEM and Major NEAL, Training Officer and Gunnery Officer from 5th Wing HQ. visited this Wing today. These two officers also visited the 98th Group.

Lt EATON: Checked out on B-25. Capt DEEM, PBO of 5th Wing will inspect Personal Equipment Sections of Wing in the near future. Invited us to do same.

TRAINING:

98th Group
6 a/c bombing #4 - formation
3 a/c gunnery 2 hrs. Instrument
1 a/c ranges (lead)
1 a/c calibration
1 a/c check out & transition
1 a/c instruments
24 a/c formation
2 a/c PFF #4 range

376th Group
28 a/c formation
1 a/c slow time
2 a/c high altitude test
3 a/c gunnery
3 a/c bombing

449th Group
28 a/c formation
14 a/c bomb range #3
5 a/c gunnery range
4 a/c instrument
3 a/c calibration
2 a/c transiton
12 a/c bombing
6 a/c gunnery

450th Group
8 a/c gunnery range
6 a/c instrument cal.
4 a/c bomb range
5 a/c Pilot transition

A-4 SECTION

ARMAMENT

On Monday, Capt HART inspected Armament maintenance at the 449th Group. This inspection will be continued tomorrow.

A meeting of all Group Armament Officers and Group Bombsight Officers was held today here at the Wing. Also attending this meeting was Mr. CARPENTER, Norden Bombsight Rep. and Mr. STANGLAND, Minneapolis-Honeywell Rep. on C-1 Auto-Pilot.

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ARMAMENT contd.

Major topic discussed was the inspection system for C-1 Auto-Pilot which is being set up at this time in each of the Groups.

The subject of supply was again brought up. All Groups have this situation well in hand NO shortages are existant on Armament supplies at present.

All Units complain of shortage of competent Bombsight and Auto-Pilot maintenance personnel.

Capt HART went over to the 331st Service Squadron to check on the Nose Turret Modification which they are making for this Wing.

SIGNALS

Held monthly meeting of all H2X and RCM Officers. The only major problem to come up was supply of spare parts. Col D'AMMOND is aware of this problem. Capt GRIMMER and Capt SJOBERG addresseed the meeting and expressed the thanks of A-3 Section for the maintenance improvement.

A new type H2X computer drum chart made of aluminum was received and distributed to all Radar sections. Major NUGENT and Capt SJOBERG were notified of the change and use of the chart explained. The major change involves the use of sighting angles spaced at equal time intervals instead of equal angles. There is also a ground range curve on the new chart for which a use may be found.

At the request of the A-3 Section a new SCR-624 Air to Ground Radio Set is being ordered and will be placed in operation at the Wing Bombing Range. The purpose of thisset is to make possible direct communication from the Range to Wing Headquarters so in the event of bad weather at the Range training flights can be cancelled.

SURGEON

Yesterday Col COGLAND, representing Air Force, attended an Anti-Typhus (Br) conference at 208 Sub-area in Brindisi. The plan of dusting with DDT of American troops and Italian civilian employees who work in clos conjunction will be carried out. This does not apply to mess orderlies or other people under our inspection supervision who have been innoculated against typhus. Only personnel included will be a few in 62d Service Group and some in the airplane assembly Squadron in Brindisi.

A meeting was held with all Squadron Surgeons at the 98th Group and subject of frost bite prevention was discussed. Results hold considerable promise. Information on program was passed on to Lt Col MANZO.

A meeting at 450th Group will be held at 1430 hrs today and same topic discussed. This will complete indoctrination of all Groups.



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INSPECTION

Major BROWN accompanied Lt Col CASSELL on inspection of Red Cross, Enlisted Mens' and Officers' Clubs, repairs at transient hotel. Also looked over some Italian barracks for possible housing.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  /so

Monday
4 December 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine

A-1 SECTION

Forwarded rotation rosters for PCS to Air Force.

1st Lt KNIGHT on DS with this HQ. from 98th Group has been placed on DS with Air Force for an indefinite period.

Air Force requested names of volunteers (Pilots) not above the grade of Capt, who have completed their missions for transfer to Mediterranean Air Transport Service. Groups notified to furnish names to this headquarters.

Called Air Force and requested an officer from 19th Replacement Bn, to be assigned to 98th Group in place of Capt NUNER, rotated to ZI. Air Force stated they would try to get this officer.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS and Lt WORKMAN visited S-2 Sections, 98th Group. Major BAUER and Capt GROSS are doing an excellent job with Bombardiers on target identification study in major German target areas, but more pictures of IP's needed.

A-3 SECTION

TRAINING:

98th Group
7 a/c formation, 22,000 ft
5 a/c formation #4 range & gunnery
6 a/c formation #4 bomb range
6 a/c formation #4 bomb range
1 a/c bomb range #4 10 bombs, 15,000
1 a/c PFF range #4 10 bombs, 15,000
1 a/cPFF range #4 10 bombs, 15,000
7 a/c formation
1 a/c PFF leads
1 a/c cross country
3 a/c transition

376th Group
28 a/c formation 2 hours
2 a/c cross country
1 a/c altitude test
11 a/c practice bombing
2 a/c slow time
3 a/c transition
7 a/c gunnery
1 a/c instrument cal.
Runway closed at Noon.

449th Group
28 a/c formation
3 a/c cross country-navigation
~~1 a/c altitude test~~
12 a/c bombing  15 a/c bombing
8 a/c gunnery  8 a/c gunnery
2 a/c emergency procedure..

450th Group
27 a/c formation
5 a/c range #3
12 a/c gunnery range
3 a/c slow time



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Diary, 4 Dec 44.

INSPECTION

Obtained steel panels from GROTTAGLIE for maintenance stand at 72lst Squadron. Sufficient cement for concrete hardstands not yet obtained. Rather than delay the work any longer will have Engineers put in a caleche hardstand.

Six failures of supercharger oil pump drive gear were found in the 716th Squadron of the 449th today. This makes a total of approximately 25 such failures in the Wing since 1 November. Will call Col STETSON of Air Force Operation Engineering to see if they have reached any conclusion as to probable causes of such failures.

Started periodic technical inspection of 449th Group.

SURGEON

Report from the radiation treatment given at MANDURIA by Major MICHAEL is as follows. 137 cases of Aerotitis media (ear difficulty in flying personnel) were examined by Major MICHAEL. 117 of these were treated by radium - the first of three treatments at 25 days interval. This number is in addition to 23 others treated in Bari.

Col COGLAND attended a meeting for Typhus control today at Brindisi and went on down to the 98th Group for the night.

Major GAVIN is in Rome.

ORDNANCE

Contacted all of the Groups and requested that they submit a complete history on each Cletrac, as to serviceability and unserviceability. Upon receipt of this information, it will be consolidated and sent to Air Force who will send it to MTO for urgent action. At the present time there is no replacement of Cletrac's or parts available in this Theater.

C. W. S.

Contacted Capt MEADOR of the 62d Service Group, relative to additional supplies of smoke and tear gas for " D-DAY" demonstrations. He advised that immediate steps will be taken by his section, and that ample supplies will be available prior to next "D - DAY" demonstration.

BAR and MESS

First steps have been taken in the re-decorating of the Officers' Bar. Major VON NOY is actively engaged on the designing and construction. Major PERRY has obtained six new "stools" which will have their inaugural Saturday night at the Dance.

The CATANIA trip is expected to bring back curtains for the CLUB and MESS.

All Officers' keep on the alert for Xmas lights for our tree. We have the tree all lined up....



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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

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Sunday
3 December 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )
Routine.

A-1 SECTION

1st Lt KURSEL reported in and was sent to 450th Group for interview. 450th Group desires him as a Supply Officer. Notified Air Force we can use this officer.

Air Force called and asked if we had an officer who speaks French fluently. Air Force could only tell us that it involves return to ZI on TD for about 2 months. We reported Capt CHAPPUIS of the 376th Group.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS at 15th Air Force on 2 Dec, where following was accomplished:

a. At suggestion of this Wing, 15th Air Force will conduct a short radar intelligence school to improve intelligence work in planning briefing and interrogation of PFF missions, whether by single ships or in formation. Two courses of a few days each will be held, one S-2 officer from each Group and Wing attending each course. Program is being developed by Col HEADRICK.

b. To keep safe area information more current, the safe area maps of enemy controlled territory will be issued as photographs on a weekly basis.

c. Photographs are being obtained of an emergency landing strip in Yugoslavia which might be used by heavy bombers. Present instructions are to abandon the aircraft rather than attempt to crash land except at VIS Island.

Discussion was had concerning improved interrogation of evaders in an attempt to develop more intelligence concerning results of bombardment operations, and concerning an expanded ground training program for winter months.

A-3 SECTION

Mr. WALLER: 1 PFF ship being picked up at GIOIA for assignment to 449th Bomb Group.



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A-3 SECTION contd.

AERIAL TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 2 a/c instrument | 21 a/c formation |
| 16 a/c formation and bomb | 3 a/c slow time |
| 7 a/c bomb (radio release) | 1 a/c gunnery |
| | 2 a/c transition |
| | 4 a/c navigation |
| | 1 a/c bombing |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 28 a/c formation | 17 a/c formation |
| 12 a/c bombing | 16 a/c gunnery |
| 8 a/c gunnery | 6 a/c lead practice |
| 3 a/c XC navigation | 1 a/c test hop |
| 2 a/c emergency procedure | 2 a/c transition |

A-4 SECTION

Major PERRY was in BARI saturday and Sunday. Checked availability of maintenance sheds for the Groups, Aid Station for the 376th Group, availability of additional flying equipment for the additional crews, new Cle-tracks or parts to repair ones not in use. Gasoline servicing equipment parts requisitions has been forwarded to the U.S.

ARMAMENT:

Capt HART has picked up additional parts for the nose turret modification on which the Wing has been working.

ORDNANCE:

Attended a refresher course on Ordnance together with Group Ordnance Officer of this Command. Made necessary arrangements to sent all Squadron Ordnance Officers to the refresher class in Bari.

Checked on 1000 round inspection program at the 449th Group.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND visited the 376th Group yesterday. He inspected the work being done in the 514th Sq area. A meeting was held with the Group and all of the Sq Surgeons. Frost bite indoctrination was discussed.

Major GAVIN has gone to Rome for the week.

INSPECTION

Routine.



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D A I L Y  D I A R Y 2 December 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

72 Crews reported in and were assigned as follows: 17 to 98th, 22 to 376th, 16 to 449th and 17 to 450th Gps.

Presentation of Distinguished Unit Citation was made to 376th Bomb Gp.

The cash sales for war bonds for the entire Wing to date is $23516.90 and new allotments amounted to $1352.50.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties

A-3 SECTION

Maj Elliott and Maj Nugent: Accompanied Gp Training Officer, Bombardier and Navigator on inspection tour of the 450th Gp and Squadrons.

Maj Elliott: Scouted formation's rendezvous.

Lt Eaton: Maj Culmer of Wright Field inspected 376th and 98th Gps yesterday. Reports good care being taken of equipment in most squadrons. Do not have facilities of 8th AF but doing well with what we have.

Lt Eaton: Duty Officer.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Lt Col Cogland inspected 449th Bomb Gp. Held a discussion with Gp and all Sq Surgeons on ways and means of prevention of frost bite. Stressed indoctrination of all crews with a check list of individuals. The permanancy of injury was emphasized, likewise avoidance of tight fitting clothing. Exercising the toes or fingers, pulling individuals up to flite deck - use of bomb sight heater etc were mentioned.

Inspected all areas. In general, progress is good. Considerable "junk" cluttering all areas but much building and winterizing is still in progress. 716th is rapidly recovering from effects of fire. 717th is fairly satisfactory but scattered too much to claim any smart appearing area. 718th looked the best with its new enlisted men's club and good but small officer's club. 719th has best possibilities but are still building up. They should improve their enlisted men's club.



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SURGEON CONT'D

Consulted with Lt Cols Randolph, Blaze and Fleisher on all deficiencies and problems.

Lt Farris is still in the hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV) /so

Friday
1 Dec 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine

ADJUTANT

Routine

A-1 SECTION

War Bond Sales for Officers of Wing HQ. totalled $1425.00

Received Bronze Star for Col. MURRAY. It will be forwarded to him.

Held 1st formal meeting of Awards & Decorations Board in this HQ.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to 15th AF requesting that a training course be established to train one or two S-2 Officers in each Group in Radar Intelligence to improve the target study work, briefing, and interrogations on PFF missions.

A-3 SECTION

Capt GRIMMER: Visited the 98th Bomb Gp with the following personnel from the 376th Group, 449th Group and 450th Group for the purpose of inspecting and training program:

Group Training Officer
Group Bombardier
Group Navigator
Group Gunnery Officer
Group Pathfinder Officer

This was the first of the four Groups to be visited. A similar tour is to be held 2 Dec 44 at the 450th Group.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 20 a/c formation bombing prac. | 2 a/c XC |
| 4 a/c radar bombing prac. | 1 a/c local test hop |
| 1 a/c camera runs on Lecce | |
| 7 a/c radio release bombing | |
| **449th Group** | 8 a/c gunnery |
| 28 a/c formation on Pianosa | 3 a/c navigation |
| 16 a/c bombing 3 & 4 ship boxes. | 2 a/c transition |

A-3 SECTION contd.

TRAINING

450th Group
28 a/c formation bombing prac.
4 a/c gunnery
3 a/c instruments
4 a/c lead team bombing

ORDNANCE

Inspected the 376th Group on 1000 round inspection program.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND visited the 449th Bomb Group today.

Lt FARRIS is still in the Hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV) /so

Thursday
30 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

TODAY IS DEFENSE DAY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine.

A-1 SECTION

On 27 Nov we were notified that we were getting approximately 28 crews about 30 November. Today we were notified by Air Force that we are getting 72 crews and that they will be here 2 December instead.

Air Force called and gave us our permanent rotation quota. It is 1 Officer (Company Grade) and 12 enlisted men. This has been pro-rated the Groups.

We nominated 5 Officers and 136 enlisted men (3Officers and 32 enlisted men from Wing ) from the entire 47th Wing to Air Force for TD to the Zone of Interior.

Col CASSELL and Capt McFADDEN visited all Squadrons of 450th Group in reference to personnel, special services and orientation and education prpgrams. Found the Squadrons in very good condition in every respect, however the 721st Squadron stated that they have never received a special service issue of a radio, in answer to which Capt McFADDEN believed he could get a radio for this organization in the near future.

Lt SMITH (potential adj) reported in for interview and was sent to the 449th Group in turn for interview.

Collected $52.00 for AAF Aid Society from the 449th Group.

A-2 SECTION

Capt ENGEL spoke at the weekly orientation meeting of the 62d Service Group in the Manduria Theater.

A-3 SECTION

Major NUGENT held meeting of Group Bombardiers at Wing A-3 today.

Major WON NOY An inspection was made on 20 November 44 of PFF target ship - deck on craft was found to be intact. No visible damage has resulted from bombing.

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A-3 SECTION Contd..

Capt SJOBERG. Made arrangements with Photographic Officer, 450th to supply several pictures of completely modified PFF aircraft in flight an on ground showing Wing and Group insignia to be used by the Pathfinder Officer, 15th Air Force, in article and possible 15th Air Force news release.

Lt EATON. Combat crew clothing list sent to Groups. Ditching and Bail-out reports mimeographed and sent to Groups.

Major STALEY. Attended mission planning at Air Force.

Capt GRIMMER. Flew on Night mission - PFF.

TRAINING:

98th Bomb Group
9 a/c gunnery
7 a/c calibration A/S
15 a/c bomb range #4
2 a/c transition
1 a/c instruments
10 a/c formation

376th Bomb Group
53 a/c formation
1 a/c high altitude check
4 a/c transition
9 a/c instrument
1 a/c gunnery
5 a/c co-pilot check rides
4 a/c compass swing
2 a/c bombing
1 a/c test flight

449th Bomb Group
28 a/c formation 1½ hours
Druy runs on field
11 a/c gunnery
3 a/c instrument
3 a/c calibration
5 a/c transition
6 a/c instrument
12 a/c bomb range PM
8 a/c gunnery range PM

450th Bomb Group
56 a/c formation andrange #3
4 a/c range #3
4 a/c gunnery range

SURGEON

Air Force has given this Wing an allotment for sending Medical Officers to the 26th General Hospital for two weeks period of DS. The 98th Bomb Group is sending Capt KITTERELLY for the first two weeks of December.

Lt FARRIS is hospitalized in the 73rd Station Hospital.

INSPECTION

Lt CROWDER transferred to 376th Bomb Group



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Diary, 30 Nov 44

ORDNANCE

An inspection of the 98th Bomb Group, Ordnance Sections, was made this day.

Secured for Major VON NOY a replacement of twelve shotguns which were damaged recently by the Groups in gunnery training.

Instructed the Groups in installation of screamers on fins of demolition bombs.

All of the bases of this command have sufficient amount of all types Demolition bombs, incendiary bombs, and fragmentation bombs on hand.

Each of the Groups of this command has approximately 98% of the authorized vehicles on hand and in good condition. The preventative maintenance program is being well carried out by the Groups.

Made a request to Air Force for 22 mechanic jackets for the 449th Bomb Groups.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)

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Wednesday
29 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine.

ADJUTANT

Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force has issued orders returning Col GRAY to the Zone of Interior.

Air Force called and asked for another crew (less ball turret gunner) for DS with 885th Squadron. We furnished the crew from 450th Group.

Capt HARTMAN was transferred to this Wing per SO 195, HQ. 49th Wing dated 10 Nov 44. We further assigned him to 98th Group and placed him on DS with this Wing.

Called Col WARNER today reference 4 Armament Officers for this Wing. Col WARNER stated that he would do everything possible to secure these Officers from other Wings and call us back in the near future.

3 Officers (2 Adjutants and 1 Supply Officer) are coming down from Air Force for interview. If accepted they will be transferred to this Wing and to the 450th Group.

We were notified today that we would receive approximately 48 crews in the next couple days. All organizations were notified to return crews that have completed their missions to the Zone of Interior and make room for these additional crews. This will bring the Groups up to an average of 100 crews per Group.

Requested an additional Statistical Officer for 450th Group. We were notified that none are available at the present time

A-2 SECTION

Capt CAWSE-MORGON departed for 15th AF HQ. on 21 day DS to serve as Assistant Counter Intelligence Officer there.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN; Visited 98th Group today.

ROSE MARIA (Wing Hq a/c) loaned to 98th Group for one week to scout formations.

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Diary, 29 November 44.

A-3 SECTION

Major ELLIOTT: Visited Manor NYSTROM, 98th Group Navigator, and discussed night training for potential night crews.

Capt SJOBERG: Visited 376th Group PFF Section.

Capt GRIMMER: Polish pilots will try to come over tomorrow, Nov 30th to speak to all PFF crews in this Wing on night operations.

449th and 376th Groups are receiving movie projectors within two days to be used for training purposes only.

Another H2X British trainer is scheduled for this Wing shortly. One complete H2X trainer will be derived from the one on order and the parts available from the trainer now at the 450th Group.

Groups notified that Training personnel will inspect training program of other Groups on 1, 2, 4, and 5th of December 1944.

TRAINING:

98th Group
7 a/c gunnery and formation bombing.
4 a/c bombing
10 a/c formation AM
14 a/c formation, PM.
2 PFF a/c camera bombing
1 PFF a/c bombing
1 PFF a/c check C-1.

376th Group
6 a/c formation
7 a/c transition
1 a/c check out Co-Pilot
5 a/c gunnery
5 a/c instrument
1 PFF a/c test hop

449th Group
28 a/c formation bombing, AM
28 a/c formation bombing, PM
8 a/c bombing
8 a/c to gunnery range
6 a/c instrument
4 a/c transition
2 a/c calibration of instruments

450th Group
22 a/c instrument
2 a/c gunnery
4 a/c bombing
28 a/c formation, PM
2 a/c transition

ORDNANCE

At a meeting of Ordnance Officers at the 376th Group the following points were brought out:

The helmet coming out is more compact, lighter, and gives greater protection. It will be out in March and will replace all others.

Fin inspection was stressed. Requested that all Ordnance Officers check for bent fins and loose detonators and report to this Office.

Flash hiders are now available at the Depot.

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ORDNANCE contd..

Training aids and charts on .50 cal. Carbine and .45 cal will be available soon.

T36 MG is coming out soon. Installations are needed so in all probability these guns will be mounted on only newer a/c. which already have the mounting. T36 incorporates all the latest changes; stronger top cover, split belt holding pawl, booster, oil less buffer, improved cocking lever, clip on short round device, and T1 stalite barrel.

T17 .60 cal. MG is being tried out. It weighs 127 pounds has a 30¾ inch barrel, is 91½ in. in length, and has muzzle velocity of 3500 feet per second. Ball and incendiary are the only available ammunition. Construction is very similiar to that of the German 20mm Mauser.

New .50 cal. API&T has red tip with silver ring similiar to API except the lead filler is omitted and tracer substituted. Dim tracer for 200 yards and bright tracer for 1600 yards.

New .50 cal Incendiary T48 is being made to fire at jet propelled a/c which uses low grade gas or kerosene.

API may be used for practice.

M12 adapter fastened to shackles has not proved satisfactory and Air Force would like suggestions on the matter. No change will be made until approved by Air Force Armament.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)

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Tuesday
28 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Combat-Service - 15th Air Force - Pep Meeting was held at the 450th Briefing Room.

15th Air Force was represented by:

| | |
|---|---|
| Colonel LEWIS DAYTON, | Air Inspector |
| Colonel GOODMAN, | Judge Advocate General |
| Colonel WARNER, | A-1 Section |
| Lt Col PEARSON, | Surgeon |
| Capt D'ACOSTA, | Awards and Decorations |

General MOLLISON and Lt Col C. A. HEIM (Air Maint. Sect) XV Air Force Service Comd, were also present.

All Unit CO's in the Wing were present. Many questions were discussed, these questions and answers will be typed and inserted in the Diary later.

The Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron 47th Wing and 331st Signal Company (Wg) were inspected and I will now say that I was damn proud of you (P.W.'s.....) Officers, everything was in excellent shape.

The 331st Signal Company was in supurb shape, every officer and enlisted man in that outfit is and should be mighty proud to be in such an excellent organization.

ADJUTANT

Major R. B. McDERMOTT and Major J. T. DICKERSON, 15th Air Force Judge Advocate's Section, came down to Wing yesterday evening. They will orient each of our Groups on Courts-Martial.

Col WALTERS accompanied Majors McDERMOTT and DICKERSON to the 450th Group for the the first meeting.

A-1 SECTION

Col CASSELL, Capt GNAGNARELLI and Lt WILKES attended Wing meeting this date.

Air Force called and asked for a Capt or Lt for transfer to AAF/MTO. Officers duties at AAF/MTO would be to conduct the Air Room (similar) to our War Room). After checking with Col THOMAS we furnished a negative report.

Checked on the Unit Citation of the 450th Group with Air Force. Air Force approved it and send it to AAF/MTO on 14 November 44.

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Diary, 28 Nov 44

A-2 SECTION

Conducted news and operations report for visiting inspectors. Capt VOLK, 376th Group, recently back from 5th Army, also spoke at Headquarters Officers' meet ng.

A-1 requested availability of Lt or Capt to run War Room for MTO. Advised none available in this Wing.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN; routine.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 1 a/c transition | 2 a/c high altitude |
| 12 a/c formation | 6 a/c formation |
| 8 a/c instruments | 9 a/c instrument and transition |
| 1 a/c calibration | 1 a/c check out |
| 2 a/c gunnery | 1 a/c cross country |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| Weather bad, 100 - 300 ft ceiling | Maximum Ground training. |

A-4 SECTION

Nil.

SIGNAL

Capt HARTMAN paid a brief visit to the 449th Radar Officer on 24 Nov and discussed plans for combining all Radar maintenance into one building instead of two. An addition to the present H2X shop has already been started. This will allow better use to be made of equipment and men insure better administration.

On 26 Nov. Capt HARTMAN visited the Radar Officer at the 98th Group. The new type H2X set, the AN/APS-15A was inspected in the plane and its features discussed. Other installations inspected were the H2x camera mounting and new pressurisation hookup for H2X.

On 27 Nov Capt HARTMAN accompanied Lt MATTHEWS to the 450th, 376th, and 98th Groups where a discussion was held with each of the Group Engineering & Radar Officers and Group Radar Navigators. A standard instruction sheet for operation of planes deicer system for radar pressurization was distributed.

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Diary, 28 Nov 44.

ORDNANCE

A meeting of all Ordnance Officers will be tomorrow at the 376th Bomb Group. After the meeting a tour of inspection will be made of the Ordnance Shops in the Group.

INSPECTION

Drawings for permanent maintenance stands for fifty and hundred hour inspections were completed. These stands will each require 650 square feet of 2 x 8's or 2 x 12's for the flooring. The frame work can be made of steel which is available at Grottaglie.

The concrete hardstand will require 250 sacks of cement. This will allow a heavy 6 inch strip for the center of the hardstand and a 3 inch thick surface for the remainder.

To completely equip all Squadrons 10,400 square feet of two inch lumber and 4,000 sacks of cement will be required.

Due to the quantity of material needed, one Squadron, the 721st of the 450th Group will be so equipped. When the work is completed a meeting of all Engineering Officers of the Wing will be called, the plan will be explained and an inspection of the 721st Squadron made.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Made arrangements for the Italian variety show #6 to be driven to Ancona.

Miss EDWINA EUSTIS, soprano from Radio City Music Hall, started her tour of the 47th Wing circuit with her first presentation at the 98th Bomb Group.

The Hq Sq 47th Wing will play the 1078th - 1035th Signal Co in a scheduled game of volleyball at the 47th (Enlisted Mens') field. The game will start at 1500.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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D A I L Y  D I A R Y

27 November 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties

A-1 SECTION

Col Thompson 376th Gp called and stated that presentation ceremony would be held with a small display of troops only, due to lack of space.

Called AF and gave them all the data on Yugoslav combat crew personnel from the time they were assigned to 376th Gp to present date. At present there are only 18 combat crew members left of which 15 have apolied for US citizenship.

Approximately 28 crews are to be assigned on or about 29th or 30th November.

AF requested a rated Officer not over 1st Lt for duty as A-3 control Officer. This officer, if accepted by AF will be placed on DS for 30 days then asgd. There is a chance for promotion.

Called AF reference Col Blase's request for TD to United States & was informed it was still in the Chief of Staff's office.

Forwarded recommendation for Congressional Medal of Honor on S/Sgt O'Neil 449th Group.

One of our Wing Officers bought a #500 war bond today. This is a good example.

A-2 SECTION

15th AF requested Capt Cawse-Morgon on DS for 21 days to serve as Asst counter intelligence officer. Arrangements made.

Second weekly flak and fighter report prepared for distribution to squadrons.

Distributed set of low oblique photographs of PLOESTI oil refineries to all groups. These photos, taken 24 September, indicate the extent of bomb damage.

A-3 SECTION

Training:

98th - 4 A/C bomb range
9 A/C formation
3 A/C airspeed calibration
6 A/C gunnery
3 A/C instruments
2 A/C local transition
3 A/C compass swing

376th - Runway closed
1300 - 1700



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A-3 SECTION CONT'D.

Training Cont'd:

449th Gp - 28 A/C formation Break Bombing, Gunnery
- 5 A/C bombing
11 A/C gunnery
7 A/C transition, instruments.

450th Gp - No aerial training. Last runway under repair and delay fused bombs still loaded in ships. Maximum ground training.

2 a/c lead team practice
8 a/c gunnery.

Capt Grimmer: Visited 98th Gp and Mobile Training Unit with Lt Nelson, Training Officer of 450th Gp in regards to making plans for the movement of the M.T.U. to the 450th. Stat classes at 450th on Monday AM. Each squadron is authorized 2 pair of goggles and poloroid glass to be used for instrument flight training. No blind flying hoods are available.

Lt Eaton: Meeting of all Personal Equipment Officers and Service Squadron repair men at 62nd Service Gp with Maj Culmer and Mr Samblason, Tech Rep from General Electric on new modification of F3 electric suit. Film "prepare for Ditching" issued to 98th Gp.

Capt Von Noy: Visited 98th Gp with Capt Andrews, gunnery officer 450th Gp. Inspected gunnery set up, class rooms, and mobile training unit thats assigned to 98th for short time.

Col Warren: Attended 15th AF Operations Officers meeting - subject "Individual ship FFF operations".

INSPECTION

Lt Col Kindall IGD, 15th AF called and stated entries in Service Records for bronze stars awards would not be changed. Letter rescinding and/or consolidating former letters will be authority for future entries.

Lt Matthews went to all Gps checking on the H2X Pressurization.

SURGEON

Col Cogland went to Bari to accompany Col Benson to a meeting in Florence at the XIIth AF.

Arrangements have been made to treat Aerotitis cases in the Wing Thursday thru Monday at Manduria. All the Gps were notified as to time and place.

Lt Bryan has been transferred to detachment of patients.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

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Sunday
26 November 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF (27 Nov 44)

The Combat-Service meeting will be held tomorrow Tuesday, 28 November 1944, at 0900 hours at the 450th Bomb Group Briefing Room.

Inspection of the Headquarters, Headquarters Squadron 47th Wing and 331st Signal Company (Wg) will be held at 1400 hours, tomorrow, 28 November 1944.

Group CO meeting at 1400 hours, 28 November 1944.

ADJUTANT ) Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Requested 9 Gunnery instructors (Enlisted) from Air Force.

Col APPOLD's Legion of Merit was received and forwarded to his next station for presentation.

Capt KENNETH R. STEVENS, 450th Group will go to the 5th Army in place of Lt Col McWHORTER.

Lt BRYAN, Hq & Hq Sq 47th Wg has been transferred to Det of Patients 26th General Hospital, Par. 3, SO 326, 26th General Hospital, 25 Nov 44.

Capt ROBERTSON called and stated that General TWINING would like to present streamer for Unit Citation of 376th Group at 1400 hours on 2 December 44. General RUSH was contacted and the 376th Group was notified and concurred.

Beginning tomorrow we are sending out an Inspection team to inspect all records pertaining to personnel. The 376th Group will be checked first.

Capt GNAGNARELLI held Awards and Decorations meetings at the 98th and 376th Groups today.

A-2 SECTION

Reversal of policy by Theatre Censor has created difficulties in PRO work, requiring large numbers of routine stories already prepared by the Units to be "razored" - policy now being that the unit designation nor the name of the CO cannot be mentioned.

15th AF has commended Capt GROSS, 98th, for the flak report he prepared on AVISIO viaduct attacks.

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A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN: Wing is to ferry 4 B-24 a/c from U.K. 450th to furnish a/c and two crews, each other Group furnishes one crew.

Major ELLIOTT: Made arrangements for Mr. CAMPBELL, Pioneer Tech Rep to talk to the Navigators at the 450th today. He will talk to the Navigators of the 98th and 376th tomorrow on the Flux Gate Compass.

Major NUGENT: Attended lecture and briefing on planned PFF - Synchronous bombing experiment (25 Nov 44) at Bari. Also discussed new scoring system with 1st Operational Analysis and cold weather operation of bombsight with Norden Tech Rep.

(26 Nov 44) Made plans for new scoring system.

Capt SJOBERG: Attended a meeting at 15th Air Force with Maj NUGENT where the new modifications in the H2X equipment were explained and a program set up to test fly the equipment. Also went to the Airport to see the P-38's used for H2X reconnaissance and the experimental H2X equipment in a B-17.

98th Group
24 a/c formation
7 a/c formation
12 a/c gunnery
5 a/c calibration
3 a/c compass
9 a/c instrument
1 a/c transition

376th Group
26 a/c formation
2 a/c instruments
1 a/c gunnery
3 a/c calibration
1 PFF test
1 PFF alt. test
6 a/c bombing
6 a/c gunnery
1 a/c calibration
8 a/c instruments
2 a/c transition

449th Group
4 - 7 a/c formations, gunnery bombing.

450th Group
8 a/c lead teams bomb practice
10 a/c gunnery
6 a/c calibration
7 a/c instruments
4 a/c test hops
1 a/c to #4 bomb range
7 a/c formation

INSPECTION

Inspected B-24H, 41-28607 of 450th and disapproved request to place it on War Weary status.

Ship required approximately 600 man hours of sheet metal work. Otherwise only objection to ship was fact that oil supercharger regulators were installed. Flying characteristics were satisfactory.

Teletype received from XV Air Force stated that no further requests for reclassification of war weary aircraft would be considered until the 25th December 44.

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Diary, 26 Nov 44.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND attended Wing Surgeon's meeting at HQ. 15th Air Force on 25 November 44.

The morning session was a joint meeting with personal equipment officers relative to frost bite. Air Force had 31 cases in October but 183 cases in November up thru the 17th of the month. During the week November 10-17, the following cases occurred:

47th Wing - 42
- 98th Group - 12 cases
- 376th Group - 4 cases
- 449th Group - 19 cases
- 450th Group - 7 cases

5th Wing - 31

49th Wing - 29

304th Wing - 27

55th Wing - 13

Eleven cases in the 47th Wing were severe enough to require hospitalization Merits of different types of present and proposed equipment and availability were discussed. No prophylactic program was presented any better than that being installed in the 47th Wing. Program briefly is as follows:

SURGEONS:-

A detailed questionnaire will be inaugurated 1 Dec 44 to be filled out on every frost bite case. Purpose is to determine the exact cause of the frost bite. When decision is reached, case will be referred to Sq CO for action in case negligence or lack of indoctrination exists.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OFFICER:-

A detailed minimum requirement list will be prepared for use of all crews. POEs will check along the line as to availability and use of this equipment. Attention will likewise be called to AF directives concerning frost bite.

SUBJECT of Anoxia deaths was discussed - 5 having occurred this past month. Further indoctrination is necessary when higher altitudes and colder weather is being experienced.

Night vision - Request has been made to Air Surgeon's Office to send qualified officer with testing apparatus into this Theater.

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SURGEON contd..

Redeployment. Preparations for screening must be made - to be ready on short notice.

Dispensaries - additional equipment enroute, making them very complete. Must be supervised closely and must get in the saddle with our buildings. At present 449th - 60% finished, 450th 5%, 98th 2% and 376th 0% finished.

Cooks and Bakers School still running and a success. Applications should be made to Col WHITE, Quartermaster AF AFSC.

Deficiencies noted by Air Force Inspectors: Not following directives on garbage and refuse disposal, on narcotic registers and on daily log of patients.

Authority for starting sulfadiazine - as prophylactic against the winter and contagious diseases has been granted. However, it will not be instituted until MTOUSA directives are received and it will be a command function. Being used in 8th and 9th Air Forces with alleged success.

A new program of rotation of Flight Surgeons for short periods of DS at hospitals will be installed soon.

Hepatitis: A meeting was held with Col TAYLOR, Chief of Staff, 15th Air Force in respect to control proceedures at 98th Group. Three steps are to be taken.

a. A new water supply, with an Engineers water point and chlorination will be established. All water for drinking and cooking will be drawn from this source.

b. The entire area and all buildings will be sprayed with DDT.

c. An injection of 10cc of gamma globin will be given to all individuals in the 415th and 343rd Squadrons and part of the Headquarters. This can do no harm and may do much good....

Major MICHAELS, from Air Surgeons office will be here to start treatments of Air Otitis Media cases. Wednesday the 29th is the date.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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D A I L Y  D I A R Y

25 November 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

Maj Perry and I visited Grottoglie and San Pan to take a reading on the A/D construction. Both Col Graff and Randolph are pleased with their Engineer people. All we need is a little more good weather.

ADJUTANT.

Routine duties

A-1 SECTION

Maj Beach-Comber of 15th AF called and stated that they had 8 to 10 vacancies on the plane going to Rome every 3 days. Notified organizations. All personnel will have to leave from Bari.

Maj Beach-Comber stated that the French Riveria would be open soon and we would have a small quota at first and be increased from time to time.

Submitted Lt Col Fleischer's name to 15th AF for duty with Nucleus Air Division Group Control Council for a foreign country.

Capt Byrne was placed on DS to 98th Gp. Lt Mennis to replace him in Stat. Col Warner, A-1, 15th AF, stated that they would not transfer Lt Mennis out of Wing if we needed him.

AF stated that we would receive approximately 25 crews between the 3rd and 7th of Dec. The Gps are sending to the ZI as many crews as possible and as fast as they complete their missions in order to make room for new crews.

Called Col Warner reference authority to promote enlisted combat crew personnel over and above the 96 crew level. Col Warner stated that he would send a TWX to Washington, DC today asking for authority. These enlisted men report over as Corporals in most crews.

The 376th citation on Bratislava has been approved by AAF/MTO and forwarded to WD.

Capt Gnagnarelli attended an A&D meeting at the 449th Gp.

Lt Wilkes attended two classification meetings in the 376th.



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A-2 SECTION

Capt Volk, 376th, recently returned from 5th Army, will speak at Tuesday meeting, Nov 28, as per instructions from Col Kyle.

Began photographic record of Wing Bombing history, which will include a series of pictures showing the targets attacked, month by month, on a map of the Wing's operational area.

A-3 SECTION

Training:

98th - 12 A/C formation
1 a/C transition flight
11 A/C bomb range #4
7 A/C calibration
6 A/C swing compass
24 A/C gunnery
1 A/C navigational flight
1 A/C instrument
1 A/C bombing range #4

376th Gp - 21 A/C formation
11 A/C #4 bomb range
5 A/C gunnery
4 A/C swing compas and calib. inst.
17 A/C transition flights
2 A/C checkout co-pilots
6 A/C inst. check.
2 A/C cross country
1 A/C PFF Practice dry runs.

449th Gp - 2 A/C local trans.
12 A/C gunnery range
1 A/C cross country
28 A/C Group formation
7 A/C bombing range
3 A/C swing compass

450th - 3 A/C gunnery range
6 A/C bombing range
Runway is under construction
Trng is curtailed because of t is.

Lt Eaton: Attended meeting of Wing Personal Equipment Officers and Wing Flight surgeons in Bari. Discussed frostbite, oxygen accidents and supply problems.

Suggest a sheet be put on bulletin board for intended trips the following day. This will prevent any unnecessary duplication of transportation.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.



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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)

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Friday
24 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and requested an MM with experience in construction work for DS to San Spirito for 45 days. We furnished a Negative report.

Air Force also requested that WO MADSON be transferred from 376th Bomb Group-62d Service Group. We will cut orders.

Lt WILKES audited 1052d M.P. Co. Their classification records were very satisfactory. Steps were taken to improve their personnel accounting system.

Capt GNAGNARELLI held Awards and Decorations meeting at 450th Bomb Gr up. Everything about awards was dis cussed.

Received orders to return Capt PARKER 98th Group to ZI.

A-2 SECTION

Routine.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN: Requested assignment of "war weary" aircraft from Gioia to be used for training within 47th Wing. Air Force says OK, they will have numbers in a day or two.

Advised 98th Group that they can have B2X Trainer if they will repair same. British parts are needed and 98th has good "liaison" with British, so they may be able to borrow necessary parts.

Advised all Groups that General MUSH's policy on rotation of crews was as follows:

Crews that started after 1 November will have 35 sorties (trips out and back). Older crews may go home either on 35 sortie basis or 30 mission policy - whichever Groups wish to apply.

Meet ng of Operations Officers called for 1000 hours, Saturday morning, 25 November 44. Many topics up.

6 a/c transferred from 450th Group to Groups as follows:
4 - 376th Group
2 - 449th Group.

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A-3 SECTION contd.

AERIAL TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| Nil. | Nil. |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 28 a/c formation | 4 a/c bombing practice |
| 10 a/c gunnery and bombing | 2 a/c transition |
| 10 a/c instrument and calibration | |
| 5 a/c emergency procedures and transition | |
| 3 a/c navigation | |

A-4 SECTION

Paint used for the modification of Pathfinder aircraft is not available at the present time. Sufficient paint to complete modification of all Pathfinder aircraft this Wing is expected the first of the month.

Remodeling of Officers' Club is under way and progress is satisfactory.

ARMAMENT:

Received two K-13 Gun sights and experimental work was begun with them.

Capt HART went out with Lt MATHEWS to work on the nose modification for the B-24. Type of mount for nose gun was decided upon and the Service Squadron informed on method of mounting it.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND went to Air Force this afternoon to attend a Wing Surgeons meeting tomorrow.

Major THORPE was in today to settle arrangements for the blood team who will work at the 450th field tomorrow and Sunday.

Lt BRYAN is still in the hospital
Capt HOUGHTON is still in quarters for today.

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Diary, 24 Nov 44.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Made arrangements to have Italian Variety Show #6 (now playing this area), present a show to the Santa Ceserea Rest Camp on the 25th November (Saturday). Show will return on the 26th November for a presentation at the Greco Theater for the 98th Bomb Group personnel.

Attended the world premiere of "Rhapsody in Blue" at the 449th Bomb Group. Numerous breaks were noted in the film. Will check with Air Force on condition of film.

The enlisted personnel of the Hq Sq will conduct an Orientation meeting in the Sq Day-Room. T/Sgt Carley will be the guest speaker. His subject will be "The G.I. Bill of Rights".

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)

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Thursday
23 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Citation for 376th Bomb Group on BUCHAREST returned from Air Force not favorably considered.

Air Force called for another crew less ball turrett gunner for DS with 885th Bomb Squadron (hv). Air Force will cut orders and they are to report to 885th, 25 November 44. We furnished a crew from the 449th Bomb Group.

Lt WILLS conducted an audit of 331st Signal Co. Their classification records were excellent.

Received call from Air Force reference the status of Col GRAY. He will remain at MAAF until about 1 Dec 44. He is working on a job that is expected will be finished at that time. Air Force expects to cut orders returning him to ZI between 1st and 5th of Dec 44.

A-2 SECTION

Letter from 15th Air Force Operations Analysis Section explaining and confirming policy of giving Zero scores when no Strike photos are obtained, unless other visual evidence (such as Recce photos) provides evidence of hits. Visual reports from crews will not be accepted. This is in answer to protest from 98th Bomb Group on a "Zero" score..

A-3 SECTION

Major NUGENT: (17 Nov) Checked Bombardiers questionnaire for Mobile Training Unit.
(18 Nov) Inspected Bombing equipment and Bombardiers training schedule at 98th's Mobile Training Unit.
(19 Nov) Attended demonstration and lecture at Bari on remote Radar scope for Bombardiers.
(20 Nov) Inspected proposed Island off Corfu to be used as practice bombing range.
(21) Nov) Flew combat mission with 450th Bomb Group.

Capt VON NOY: Contacted Capt ANDREWS (450th ) and inspected new Gunnery set-up. This set-up is to be patterned after that of 98th's. Work is already starting on this. Capt ANDREWS hopes to have it well under way within next two weeks.

Capt SJOBERG: flew with Col KYLE looking over new Bombing Range.

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A-3 SECTION contd.

AERIAL TRAINING:-

98th Group
3 PFF to #4 Range (10 Bombs)
1 - a/c calibration

376th Group
5 - a/c PFF ship bombing
3 - a/c XC

449th Group
2 - a/c bombing
1 - a/c orientation
2 - a/c transition
2 - a/c PFF Hi altitude test

450th Group
4 - a/c #3 bombing range
6 - a/c transition
2 - a/c instrument check
3 - a/c gunnery range

SURGEON

Col COGLAND visited 450th and 62d Service Center to inform them that Blood donations will be accepted again.

Col COGLAND met with the Hepatitis commission at Lecce yesterday.

Major GAVIN visited the 450th Group ot investigate frost bite there.

Mr. MEADHAM, English, in charge of the Blood Letting Unit was here today. He will set up at the 450th Bomb Group Saturday and Sunday. Monday and Tuesday they will go to the 449th Bomb Group. They hope to bleed 150 a day.

Lt BRYAN is still in the Hospital.
CaptMOUGHTON is in quarters.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)

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Wednesday
22 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force asked for 1 crew less ball turrett gunner for DS with 885th Bomb Squadron. We furnished the crew from the 449th Group. Air Force will cut orders and the crew is to report 24 November 44.

Call Air Force reference permanent rotation allotment. They stated that they do not expect to receive the allotment before 25 November and that they expect the number will be about the same as last month (14).....

Air Force called and stated they are sending us an Armament Officer.

Received TWX from Air Force reference officers promotions, rescinding part of 15th Air Force MEMO 35-24 and stating that the provisions of AR 605-12 will apply. This means officers get time and a half for overseas in Wing and higher headquarters and decreases the time in grade necessary for promotion to 1st Lt and Captain.

Called Col WARNER and requested he bring Capt D'ACOSTA to next meeting. He said he would be more than glad to..

Called Air Force reference additional public relations personnel. Air Force stated that they would ship us next public relations personnel that come in. Also requested additional officers for 999th Air Base Sec. Bn. Air Force stated that they have no grounded officers available at this time.

Capt FINLEY checked over 450th Group and said 450th Group was really on the ball with reference to personnel classification. He has returned to Air Force from this Wing.

Air Force called for an Officer in grade of 1st Lt., Captain, or Major who had operated a large Hotel, restaurant, or Country Club to transfer to a Rest Camp. We submitted a negative report.

Air Force also requested an Officer with extensive construction experience who speaks Italian, for DS for 1 and ½ months. We furnished a negative report..

A-2 SECTION

Conference at Wing Headquarters with all Group Intelligence Officers and their flak specialists relative to the flak "cost accounting" system which has been devised. Mimeographed forms distributed, and the reports will begin with the mission of the 25th of November.

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Diary, 22 November 44.

A-3 SECTION

Lt [illegible]: Duty Officer.

Capt VON NOY: 20 and 21 November maintenance at Crackling Tower repaired targets at Gun Range and generally placed range in serviceable condition. Afternoon of 21st attempted to inspect PFF target ship was impossible due to high sea. Another attempt made this morning but sea was higher. From shore ship looked normal. Lt LARSON is instructed to make 1 weekly inspection of the ship and will turn in his report with Crackling Tower radio logs.

Col WARDEN: Called 376th on lack of radio security when reference made to altitude; in future they will refer to base altitude given in field order. TWX to all Groups: PFF aircraft will not be used as ordinary bomb carriers, they will go on mission only in lead for PFF bombing or navigation.

Lt KNIGHT: On to-days mission.

Major ELLIOTT: Lt KNIGHT went with 450th on the mission. Talked to Mr. CAMPBELL, Pioneer Tech Rep, on the possibility of visiting the Groups and lecturing to the Navigators on the Flux Gate compass visited the 450th this morning. Major [illegible], 98th Group Navigator, came up on an informational tour of the 450th and Wing Navigation Section.

Major STALEY; Capt GRIMMER: Capt SJOBERG: Routine.

AERIAL TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 2 nav. Flights | 1 XC Navigation |
| 2 transition Flights | 1 PFF test and practice |
| | 2 local transition |
| **449th Group** | **450th Group** |
| 1 a/c XC | 5 a/c Pre-Lead Bomb |
| 5 a/c slow time | 2 a/c transition |
| 4 a/c transition | 3 a/c Test Hops |
| 1 a/c #3 Bomb Range | |

A-4 SECTION

Major PERRY flew with Col KYLE to all the airfields to inspect runways and taxi strips. Everything was found to be satisfactory.

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Diary, 22 November 44.

A-4 SECTION

ARMAMENT

Requested that Air Force send me two K-13 Gun Sights kits for experimental purposes. One of these will be installed in the nose modification that the Wing is working on. The other will be used in the tail installation, of an "L" type aircraft.

Procured a B-7 Bomb Sight mount for "MAXWELL HOUSE", will install today.

Discussed the possibility of removing the tail turret from the Wings B-24 with Lt MATHEWS. He thinks it will have to be removed so the Armament Section will get busy on a flexible mount to replace it.

INSPECTION

Spent the 21st and part of the 22nd of November in the ANCONA area surveying the condition of aircraft formerly assigned to 47th Wing. Also tried to get in at VIS but Major SNELL, Executive Officer, Air Maintenance, XV AFSC said that it would be impossible due to the condition of the field. He further stated that additional maintenance personnel had been sent to VIS, on the 19th November and that due to the very limited facilities no more men could be accommodated on the Island.

Report on ANCONA area has been written and submitted to the General.

SIGNALS

Capt HARTMAN and Lt HUNT visited and inspected Radar Shop at 376th Bomb Group.

C.W.S.

Bar and Mess

Confined to quarters.

End.....



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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  /so

Tuesday
21 November 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

We have received a new procedure on Temporary duty rotation. We can send as many personnel home on Temporary Duty as we can spare without necessity replacement until their return. All Groups have been notified.

Col CASSELL and Capt MC FADDEN visited the 376th Group and checked on personnel needs, special service, orientation and education programs. It was found that the 512th Squadron needs volley ball and basketball courts. More clerks are needed to take care of the 96 combat crews. We checked with Air Force about clerks and they stated that the Air Force is short 829 clerks. The orientation and education program is coming along very nicely and Capt MAC FADDEN cleared up a few points that were rather confusing on the new set-up on orientation and education.

Air Force experts 150 combat crews next month. We expect to be up to 110 crews per Group by the end of December.

Capt JACKSON reported in for further assignment.

Capt FINLEY was down from Air Force to discuss classification of personnel and to check with us on our personnel accounting system.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted weekly summary of operations.

Devised proposed forms for flak "cost accounting" system.

Changeover made on planning from operations map to show date of visually reported flak by months through use of different colors. Such reports will be retained on the map at least three but not over four months.

A-3 SECTION

Maj STALEY, Attended briefing, take off and assembly at 450th Bomb Group.

Lt EATON, Called XV AFSC to get badly needed B-2 shelters and hot air heaters for Squadrons.

Fire in 716th Squadron, 449th Bomb Gp destroyed considerable personal equipment. Walking requisition thru. No parachutes, mae wests, or electric clothing damaged.

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Lt EATON, contd.

Made up check list of minimum clothing to be worn on missions. Additional equipment to be carried in case of burnout.

Inspected 449th Bomb Group yesterday - 2 squadrons remodeling.

Discussed frostbite program with Major GAVIN..

AERIAL TRAINING:

98th Group
2 a/c PFF bomb range 15000 ft.
3 a/c test hops 18,000 ft.

376th Group
3 a/c PFF testing
3 a/c transition

449th Group
2 a/c bomb range
1 a/c PFF navigation
2 a/c navigation
3 a/c test hops.

450th Group
8 a/c to bombing range
3 a/c transition flights
4 a/c test hops

INSPECTION

Lt MATTHEWS left this morning for HARI to confer with Col HeIm. After that he is going to all airfields upon which ships of this Wing are grounded.

The 331st Service Squadron is now removing the nose turret and flame dampners from 42-50546JX, now assigned to the Wing.

Spoke to Maj DAWKINS in regards to the early returns on the 4th of November. He informed me that there wasn't an actual shortage of gas but that one Pilot said he had approximately 1000 gallons and that he couldn't make it to the target so he turned back. The other Pilot in the box checked their fuel and had even less so they also turned back. This particular box was on the outside pulling high power particularly around the field to keep up with the formation. There was a meeting of these crews and they were reprimanded and instructed as to the proper use of sight gages and measures which would conserve fuel.

SIGNAL

Lt Colonel DOTY visited and inspected the Communications Section at the 98th Bomb Group.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  /so

Monday
20 November 44

PKD

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

30 crews reported in and were assigned as follows:
7 - 98th Group
8 - 370th Group
8 - 449th Group
7 - 450th Group
30 - 47th Wing...

A few crews were minus Bombardiers. This brings our crew average to 95.3 per Group.

A-2 SECTION

Lt GILMORE at 15th Air Force HQ. for conference of Wing Flak Officers and Photo Wing representatives. One objective sought was uniform policy on reporting and recording route flak. hereafter a flak report will be made on each point at which bombs are dropped, negative if no flak is received. All locations over which aircraft are holed will be noted, instead of, as in the past, merely indicating the number of planes suffering battle damage on the mission. Special attention will be given to negative reports on locations from which flak has previously been received by a formation.

Letter to 15th Air Force requesting the "MA" series of target charts, discontinued in August, be revived. These charts are valuable primarily for the map printed on the back, on which the I.P. and Axis can be marked. The "MA" series have been succeeded by the "minimum"briefing charts.

Letter to all Groups calling for more care in the handling of non-combat losses of escape purses and stressing the necessity of further indoctrinating crews on the importance of having the purse on their person. The most requests for credit arose because a photographer jettisoned his "A" bag to lighten the aircraft north of the Alps, and his purse was still in the bag. Facing the prospect of going down in Germany, he threw away his escape purse.

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Diary, 20 Nov 44.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARNER: With Maj SEELEY made aerial survey of all landing fields to North now used by our aircraft. Photos were obtained and as soon as developed will be sent to Groups along with short report. Only fields suitable now are ILSI and PALOMAR. We landed at PALOMAR. Parking facilities are nil but Service Sq is there and hospital, mess, quarters, and gas facilities are available.

Called Col RITT at 15th Air Force again regarding aircraft shortage. Out look still poor. None here now but some supposed to be on way from USA and UK.

Capt SJOBERG running survey of proposed Island bombing range today.

Gunnery Range closed Nov 20-21 for repairs. Capt VON ROY now at range. Major ELLIOTT preparing 3 months survey of "early" or "late" trend of Wing on combat missions.

Request report from Groups of 15th Air Force on time required to assemble 24 ships at 3000 ft and 36 at 3000 ft over field. 449th Group assuming 30 sec T/O interval and 200 ft per min climb. 24 ships takes 35 min. 36 ships takes 45 min. Add 5 min for each additional 1000 ft of altitude.

376th Group 30 sec T/O interval and 250 ft per min climb. 30 min for 24 ships, 38 minutes for 36 ships. Add 4 min. for each additional 1000 ft of ready altitude. 450th Group 30 sec interval, 24 ships takes 40 min, 36 ships takes 55 min, add about 5 min. per 1000 ft.

New plan on Wing lead being used, for while will rotate through all 4 Groups since all are Carpet equipped.

AIR-SEA RESCUE:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 3 a/c navigation flight | 2 a/c high altitude test hop |
| 3 PFF range #4, 15000 ft. | .. |
| 7 a/c airspeed calibration | Runways closed after mission |
| 1 a/c transition | till dark. |
| **449th Group** | **450th Group** |
| 2 a/c range #3 | 4 a/c range #3 |
| 1 a/c transition | 3 a/c navigation flight |
| 1 a/c GEE navigation | 1 a/c calibration and A/S |
| 1 a/c pff navigation | 4 a/c transition |

Lt EATON: Consulted Major GAVIN on Frostbite program. Made check list of minimum clothing to be worn and extra clothing to be carried. Inspected 449th Bomb Group - discussed future training programs.

Capt GRIMTER - flew Col GIDEON to Naples.

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Diary, 20 Nov 44.

A-4 SECTION

ARMAMENT:-

Capt HART held a meeting with the Group Armament Officers from each the 98th, 376th, 449th and 450th Bomb Groups. They discussed the new Armament report which is being made out by the Bombardier of each ship on a mission. It was decided that this report will be of great help in diagnosing the Armament and bombing equipment difficulties. The usual charts and graphs are being made up.

While Capt HART was on his trip to the other Wings, he located one Armament Officer who is requesting a transfer to this Wing.

Had conference yesterday with S 4 of 98th Bomb Group in regards to excess vehicles.

Made arrangements and procured necessary material for redecoration of Officers' Club Bar..

SURGEON

Col COGLAND and Major GAVIN attended a meeting at 65 Garrison, Brindisi concerning Typhus in this Section of Italy. It is expected that there will be a larger typhus rate this year than previously, due mainly to the larger number of refugees being brought here from the Balkans where Typhus is and always has been endemic.

Typhus Fever is spread through the bite of the body louse and thus from man to man. Although the immunization our troops have undergone against Typhus is very effective it is possible that some may develop the disease in spite of it.

The Anti-Typhus program consists of dusting with DDT or ADL powder once weekly all civilian employees and military personnel with whom they come in contact, together with rigid and early treatment of all cases of Typhus.

Orders issued transferring Capt ULLRICH to 512th Sq, 376th Group. Capt HERBERT from 376th Group, 512th Sq to hq Sq 47th Wing.

Major GAVIN and Lt BATON, Personal Equipment Officer, prepared check list of clothing for prevention of Frostbite.

SIGNAL

Lt Col DOTY visited and inspected the 450th Bomb Group.

Major HUBBARD Group Com Officer from the 98th Bomb Group spent the day at Wing HQ.

Capt HARTMAN visited and inspected the 450th Bomb Group Radar Shop.

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Diary, 20 Nov 44.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Capt McFADDEN attended a Special Service Meeting in Pari conducted by 15th Air Force Headquarters.

Capt BASON called and requested that Cpl Carter drive for the General while Tolan was on leave.

The 50th Troop Carrier requested that they be included in all future USO shows in this area.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil...

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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

Sunday
19 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

General M.SM and Colonel KYLE participating in todays mission (20 November 44).

A-1 SECTION

31 crews reported in and were assigned as follows:
6 - 98th Group
11 - 376th Group
9 - 449th Group
5 - 450th Group
All first Pilots on crews were not over 2d Lieutenants.

A-2 SECTION

First of what will be a series of weekly enemy Flak and Fighter summaries prepared for mimeographing and distribution to Groups and Squadrons. Material is based primarily on experience of this Wing.

Two escaped German prisoners surrendered at 449th Group and turned over to MP's.

Lt SHERMAN returned from ROME where he:
1. Made radio recording of "FLAK McGOON" story with its crew chief for rebroadcast in States
2. Arranged a press conference for the crew chief with AMPA correspondent
3. Discussed plans with AFHQ for possible "Voice of Cottontails" spot on "Army hour" show for New Year's day
4. Requested type and zinc replacements from Stars and Stripes for BOMB BLAST
5. Suggested to MAAF radio section that facilities for Radio recording be set up in Bari in view of transportation difficulties in Rome trip.

Major HARRY BAUER returned to duty as S-2, 98th Bomb Group.

Letter to all Groups calling for extension of guard patrol to include areas traversed by wires supplying current to night lights on runways. An Italian is under arrest after being caught cutting one such wire at the 98th Bomb Group.

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A-3 SECTION

Lt BARON: Sent Lt FAUST to Bari School. He is from 719th Squadron 449th Bomb Group. He is going there on Frostbite Program.

Talked with all Group Surgeons regarding Frostbite.

TRAINING

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 2 a/c FNT to Bomb Range #4 | 4 a/c check auto-pilot |
| 1 a/c Navigational Flight, 2 hours. | 1 a/c gunnery |
| 1 a/c Bomb range #4, also cal. airspeed swing.compass. | 1 a/c practice mission |
| | 1 a/c calibration instruments and compass swing |
| 1 a/c gunnery | 1 a/c slow time |
| 2 a/c altitude tests. | 1 a/c cross country. |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 2 a/c bomb range | 4 a/c gunnery |
| 4 a/c cross country | 2 a/c bombing range |
| 4 a/c test hops | 1 a/c cross country |
| 3 a/c calibration | 1 a/c slow time |
| | 2 a/c navigation |

Col WARDEN and Major STAMEY flew to Ancona.

INSPECTION

Was notified by Depot 5 that Mickey "J" at Bari would not be ready for several days. Went to Bari with Capt GAUDET to see what was holding it up. They were waiting for a tachometer, test hop and slow time. Capt GAUDET flew the ship back. It is now at the 449th Group, but will be brought to this field tomorrow.

While at Bari Airport I questioned the Depot Engineering Officer, Capt POLK, as to his experience with ships of the 47th Wing. He stated that he had never received a ship from the Wing that was forced down because of poor maintenance. He added that this Wing had by far the best maintenance in the Air Force. Practically the same statement was made by Col SIMMONS of Depot 52 several weeks ago, and by the Air Force Air Inspector some time ago.

Major BROWN visited the 98th Bomb Group.

SURGEON

Capt HOUGHTON, confined to quarters.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

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DAILY DIARY

18 November 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

We are getting in sixty-one (61) crews. Approximately half tomorrow and half the next day. Maj Forrest states we will receive enough crews to have approximatel one hundred and ten (110) crews per Group by December 31.

Called AF about the 98th Gp replacements, particularly an Adjutant and they stated that it is impossible for them to know.

Maj Auchard visited A-1 and gave his qualifications.

Applications for officers and enlisted men for consideration for Renegotiation and Contract Termination were forwarded to AF.

Capt Harry Casler, 98th Gp, was placed on DS to AF for seven (7) days per request from Col Phillips, AF. He is wanted to work on a project for a feature in Life magazine.

A-2 SECTION

Capt Sessa, S-2, 376th Gp, visited for conference on operating methods.

Letter to all Gps on order of battle on Italian front.

Letter to 15th AF, as per request from AC of S, A-2 there, commenting on new T/O allowance in bomb Gps for intelligence personnel. Criticized provisions that assistant Sq S-2 be a photo interpreter, there being no need for such a specialist, and none are available, anyway, Also feel reduction in rating for EM in intelligence is a mistake.

A-3 SECTION

Capt Grimmer: Visited the 98th Gp. Investigated A/C accident that occurred on 11/16/44 after A/C had been refueled at Foggia Main.

A/C refueled at Foggia with 350 gls put into #2 and #4 tanks.

Engineer did not check tank selections.

A/C was sprayed by 50 cal. before reaching I.P. by another A/C in the formation. Nose gunner did this in putting this flack suit on.

Crew bailed out sucessfully when #1 engine quit and engineer saw all guages reading empty.

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A-3 SECTION CONT'D

Inspected set-up of Mobile Training Unit. Classes and instruction is being conducted in an excellent manner. Gp operations is well satisfied with the operation of the unit.

Polish operations at Brindisi is to notify A-3 when two of their pilots may come to this wing to speak to the PFF nite crews. Their first stand down day, will be available for this arrangement.

TRAINING:

98th Gp - 3 a/c Transition
1 a/c PFF Bombing
1 a/c Navigation

449th Gp- 1 a/c Test
2 a/c PFF Hi-Alt-test.

376th Gp - [illegible] CLOSED A/D.
1 a/c Gunnery.
1 a/c Bombing
2 a/c Test Hop.

450th Gp - 1 a/c slow time.
4 a/c lead team practice.
1 a/c test hop (L)

SIGNAL SECTION

Lt Col Doty and Lt Hunt visited the 885th Gp and 334th Wing at Brindisi. Arrangements were made to reroute telephone lines that now go direct to the 334th Wing to the 885th Gp.

Arrangements are being made to place a red warning light on top of the water tower near Wing Headquarters.

MESS AND BAR

It is suggested that a weekly inspection of the five stoves in the Mess and Club rooms, be established by the Hq Sq Commandant. This morning (Nov. 19) inspection by the Club Officer, showed two stoves not working because of mechanical difficulties, that a man such as Sergeant Tarano, could fix with little trouble.

At the same time, all stoves should be cleaned. In conjunction with that, we will furnish the labor in the form of our Italian help, but believe it should be done under the supervision of Sergeant Tarano.

It is desired that the Club be a "warm refuge" at all times to all officers of this Headquarters, and their guests. To insure this, regular mechanical inspection of all stoves will be necessary.

We are at present endeavoring to secure drapes or curtains for all windows in the Mess and Club. If any officer sees something in his travels that might add to the Club's appearance, it will be appreciated if he will mention this to the Mess Officer. We are particularly interested in rugs if same can be obtained at a reasonable proce.

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MESS & BAR CON'D

Thanksgiving dinner will be on the 23rd, next Thursday. Whether it will be the noon meal, or evening, has not been determined, but will be put to a vote Monday after the newsmeeting.

Plans are formulating for our Xmas Holiday Season, and a large tree has been selected, but at the moment lights are the problem. It is suggested that Capt McFadden, check with Special Services and also the Red Cross, on his next trip to a metropolian area.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)

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Friday
17 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

I visited the HQ. MAAF yesterday with Lt Col COGLAND, Major THORPE, and Capt GARRETT. Outside of seeing Lt col HARTWIG (former Wing A-4) General CABELL, MAAF A-3, and Lt Col FOSTER, nothing startling was gained. A visit to any other Headquarters makes you appreciate your own better...

ADJUTANT

Col GIDEON relieved from command of 450th Bombardment Group (hv), and assigned to HQ. 47th Wing. Lt Col JACOBY assumes command of the 450th Bombardment Group vice Colonel GIDEON.

Town of CEGLIE has been declared off limits due to Smallpox epidemic..

A-1 SECTION

9 crews reported in and were assigned as follows:
2 - 98th Group
3 - 376th Group
4 - 450th Group (including 1 Capt and crew and 1 1st Lt and crew.)

Air Force cut our quotas down for Rest Camp at San Spirito from 18 to 12. This was done to take care of the Fighter unit in Foggia area.

Received call for Air Force and stated that a 2d Lt DONALD C. VOSBURG was assigned to the Wing per par 9, SO 320, 15 Nov 44, 15th Air Force. Should report about 18th or 19th. Capt PAGANO and M Sgt Callahan received Bronze Star.

Col MANZO called and asked that an Adjutant be placed on DS with his organization or rotation replacement be expedited. Air Force states that as soon as replacements are received, 98th Group will receive replacement. We do not know when that will be.

A-2 SECTION

Thursday - Visited 62d Service Group with Col BARR, ACofS, A-2, 15th Air Force and Capt KOPLER, Executive Officer, A-2 Section, 15th AF.

Friday - Requested Col BARR to furnish this Wing with 5 sets of aerial recce pictures taken over Ploesti at low level after its capture, also a "black out" damage summary photograph of Munich (this last to come from 8th Air Force).



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Diary, 17 Nov 44.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARDEN; Commander White, USN, asked about ride to ROME next Monday, Told him we had ship going - to check again Sunday evening for weather situation.

1st Lt DYAS and Capt RASTEDE reported in with new crews - assigned to 98th.

Capt GRIMLIN; Contacted Polish operations at Brindisi in regards to securing Pilots to talk to the Night Radar crews. Final arrangements are to be made on 11/18 for their visit to this Wing.

AERIAL TRAINING:

450th

~~****~~ Group
6 a/c navigation hops.
4 a/c to #3 bombing range
4 a/c on transition flights
2 a/c on instrument flights

376th Group
3 a/c local test flights
3 a/c slow time flights
1 a/c to #4 bombing range
1 a/c local transition

449th Group
1 a/c to #3 bombing range
2 PFF a/c on local navigation flights
3 a/c on local transition flights
3 a/c on cross-country flights

98th Group
2 a/c navigation flights
1 a/c local transition
2 PFF a/c test hops.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND visited the Surgeon at AAF/MTO (?) today.

Lt BRYAN is still in the hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)
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16 November 1944
Thursday

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called stated we are receiving 9 crews tomorrow without aircraft. We will also receive 60 to 65 crews either 20 or 21st of this month.

Applications of Lt Col FLEISCHMAN, 449th, and Lt Col THOMAS for attendance at Naval War College were prepared for submission to Air Force.

TWX received from AF requesting estimate of EM eligible for rotation in December, January, and February qualified for appointment to various Officer Candidate Schools.

449th called and requested 7 Co-Pilots, Had no extra Co-Pilots in Wing and called Air Force for Co-Pilots and they stated that they had none - 449th notified.

A-2 SECTION

Routine

A-3 SECTION

Col WARDEN; called 15th Air Force on new ship outlook there are no B-24's in Depots but some are on way and further they are trying to get some from U. K. We will get next ones that come in.

Lt EATON; returned from School at Bari.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 1 a/c calibration | 1 a/c test hop |
| 3 a/c bombing #4 | 1 a/c slow time |
| 6 a/c night navigation 5,000 ft. | |
| **449th Group** | **451st Group** |
| 2 a/c cross country | 4 a/c transition |
| 2 a/c transition | 4 a/c bombing |
| 1 a/c calibration | 2 a/c navigation |
| 1 P/F dry run | |



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Diary, 16 Nov 44.

SPECIAL SERVICE

This office is preparing a Volleyball schedule for entire 47th Wing.

Capt BRAMHAM phoned requesting that we make arrangements to have the Navy present their movies one night only, and the remaining night would be open to the 62d Troop Carrier Group in Brindisi. The Special Service Officer of the Troop Carrier Group will contact this office tomorrow.

The world premiere of "RHAPSODY IN BLUE" will be presented at the 449th Bomb Group on Friday, 24 November 44. The exact time of the showing will be announced later. Material advertising the premiere will be published in Sunday's "BOMB BLAST". Following the premiere the picture will be distributed on the regular 47th Wing Movie circuit.

Made arrangements for Special Service Officer, 98th Group to fly to Bari and have their movie projector repaired.

SIGNAL

H2X Beacon at Manduria Airport discontinued and will not be placed back in operation. This beacon has not been satisfactory due to excessive material needed to keep it in operation.

Lt Col DOTY visited the 376th Group. Discussed plans with Col GRAFF and Group Operations Officer for the relocation of all tower controls.

All four Groups of this Wing have received one each 22 KVA truck mounted Generator. This addition to their present power equipment brings all units well up on power. Any shortage of power equipment within Groups now, can be adjusted by redistribution within the Group.

Capt HARTMAN and a R.C.M. Officer from each Group attended a meeting at 15th Air Force on R.C.M. and its equipment. Future plans call for each aircraft to carry two R.C.M. jammers. At present aircraft of this Wing carry only one set.

INSPECTION

The following winterization program for aircraft has been started:

1. Modified waist windows to be installed. Several installations are already completed. This installation was mentioned in yesterdays Daily Diary. There was doubt at that time as to the strength of the windows. Today, however, several were test fired by the 449th and were satisfactory.

2. The third life raft now carried in the waist is useless in the case of those airplanes with modified windows. It would be impossible to get them through this window.

3. Curtains are being installed at station 1.0 between the flight deck and the Navigators compartment.
4. Wind deflectors are being installed in front of the camera hatch.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

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Wednesday
15 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Inspection of the 450th Bombardment Group (H) was made by the following officers:-

HQ. 47th WING

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|---|---|---|
| Col | KYLE, | Chief of Staff |
| Lt Col | COGLAND, | Wing Surgeon |
| Major | BROWN, | Actg Air Inspector |
| Capt | TERRY, | Signals |
| Capt | PERRY, | Wing A-4 |
| Capt | BASON, | CO, Hq Sq 47th Wing |
| Major | FLINN, | Wing Chaplain. |
| Capt | PAGANO, | CO, 331st Signal Co |
| Capt | DON C. CURRY, | CO, 1052d M. P. Co (Avn). |

98th BOMB. GROUP

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lt Col | MANZO, | CO |
| Lt Col | WILSON, | Executive |
| Capt | HARRIS, | CO, 343rd Squadron |
| Major | WEST, | Ex, 343rd Squadron |
| Major | PITT, | CO, 344th Squadron |
| Capt | LA BOUNTY, | Ex, 344th Squadron |
| Capt | CHANDLER, | Ex, 345th Squadron |
| Major | HABEGER, | CO, 415th Squadron |
| Major | BURRIS, | Ex, 415th Squadron |

376th BOMB. GROUP

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|---|---|---|
| Col | T. Q. GRAFF, | CO |
| Lt Col | W. A. THOMPSON, | Executive |
| Major | ZUCCO, | Group S-4 |
| Major | NUTTALL, | Group Surgeon |
| Major | SNYDER, | CO, 512th Squadron |
| Major | FULLER, | Ex, 512th Squadron |
| Major | GEORGE, | CO, 513th Squadron |
| Major | GREENE, | Ex, 513th Squadron |
| | CO on mission | 514th Squadron |
| Major | PARTCH, | Ex, 514th Squadron |
| Major | WINEMILLY, | CO, 515th Squadron |
| Capt | MAZAHOOK, | Ex, 515th Squadron |



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CHIEF OF STAFF contd.

449th BOMB. GROUP

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|---|---|
| Lt Col WADE H. FLEISCHER, | Executive |
| Major C. E. HARTEN, | CO, 716th Squadron |
| Major H. G. FICHTL, | Ex, 716th Squadron |
| Major VAN ALLEN, | CO, 717th Squadron |
| Major JAMES YANDLE, | Ex, 717th Squadron |
| Major STANTON OGDEN, | Ex, 718th Squadron |
| 1st Lt GEORGE CRUDYK, | Engineering, 718th Squadron |
| Major WILLIAM C. ALLEN, | CO, 719th Squadron |
| Major MELBOURNE MABEDLAU, | Ex, 719th Squadron |

450th BOMB. GROUP

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|---|---|
| Col R. GILLON, ] | CO, |
| Lt Col JACOBY, | Deputy Group CO |
| Major DONOVAN, | Executive |
| Capt T. W. JACKSON, | Group S-4 |
| Capt STEVENS, | CO, 720th Squadron |
| Capt WELLS, | Ex, 720th Squadron |
| Major ALEXANDER, | CO, 721st Squadron |
| Major DOYLE J. CLARK, | Ex, 721st Squadron |
| Lt Col McWHORTER, | CO, 722nd Squadron |
| Major RUBEN, | Ex, 722nd Squadron |
| Capt VINCENT I. TAYLOR, | CO, 723rd Squadron |
| Capt OLSON, | Ex, 723rd Squadron |

The following Sections were inspected:

a. Group Headquarters. It was in Superior condition.

b. 720th Bomb Squadron.
Buildings, Barracks, Mess Halls, Kitchens, Tents, Latrines, and Motor Pool were in Excellent condition. But the area was not in Good condition, bits of paper, cigarette butts, etc... laying around on the ground.

c. 721st Bomb Squadron.
Was in excellent condition, but its area also needed a thorough "Policing".

d. 722nd Bomb Squadron.
Was in Superior Condition, except the parachute and Personal Equipment Section could be improved in appearance. The Engineering Section was in exceptionally good condition. This Section had two very very good features which were pointed out to the Inspecting party:

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d. 722nd Bomb Squadron. (Contd.)

1. A Motor stand which can be freely rotated for Pre-oiling, adjusting, etc...

2. An inspecting crew, which makes all 50 and 100 hour inspections in the Squadrons. An excellent idea that is working fine.

e. 723rd Bomb Squadron.
This Squadron looked almost as good as the 722nd Squadron.

The Group Communications, Surgeon, Ordnance, Armament, S-4, S-2, S-3, and Radar Sections were in Excellent condition. S-2 presented an Excellent news summary.

The 450th Bombardment Group as a whole was in Excellent condition. This Group is developing a great deal of pride and competitive spirit. Major DOROVAN is going to make a good Executive Officer.

ADJUTANT

Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Received $457.00 for Army Air Force Aid Society Fund. This makes a total of $15,926.11 contributed by this Wing.

Air Force called and stated if additional Public Relations personnel is desired request must be submitted in writing immediately - request will be submitted.

Received TWX reference applications for Naval Staff College for class beginning 1 Jan 45. Officer must be a graduate of C & G Staff School with a Superior rating. Officers accepted will be relieved from present assignment.

Col FELLOWS is being transferred from 376th Group to 15th Air Force effective this date.

Air Force requested a First Pilot in any grade that has completed his missions and interested in remaining over to fly and test "mickey ships". Estimated that Officer would fly between 200 and 400 hours to complete the job. Officer would be carried DS from organization. This was coordinated with A-3 Section.



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A-2 SECTION

Squadron distribution made on colored charts showing aircraft markings of all units of 49th Wing.

15th Air Force announced policy of prohibiting the marking of safe areas on route flak charts of photos furnished combat crews to be taken into the air. Such markings had not been done in this Wing, although crews had requested it.

Letter to Col BARR, ACofS, A-2, 15th Air Force recommending issuance of small American flags to all combat crewmen as an aid to identification in enemy territory.

Special instructions to all Groups that Intelligence Officers will brief crews prior to any missions in Yugoslavia on importance of positive target identification because of the present extremely fluid tactical situation.

A-3 SECTION

Major NUGENT, Inspected 450th on 14 Nov 44.
Inspected 449th on 13 Nov 44.

Major ELLIOTT, Captain ROSE departed today for the Zone of the Interior.

W/O WALLER, 3 P/F a/c being picked up at GIUK for assignment to Groups as follows:

2 - 98th Group
1 - 376th Group.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 6 a/c formation and navigational | |
| 14 a/c Hendy. | Nil. |
| 2 a/c navigational cross country | |
| 1 a/c P T on Range #4 | |
| 3 a/c gunnery | |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 19 a/c bombing | |
| 4 a/c gunnery | |
| 35 a/c formation | |
| 4 a/c P/F on mission | |
| 12 a/c calibration and instrument flying | |
| 5 a/c cross country | |
| 4 a/c transition. | |

NOTE: We do not have PLANOSA today.

/s/.... Maj NUGENT



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A-4 SECTION

Capt PERRY accompanied Chief of Staff on inspection of 450th Bomb GRoup.

INSPECTION

Capt LESSER, and Major LEWIS, AFSC A-4, have both promised us the Mickey J at Bari just as soon as necessary work can be rushed through on it.

With Capt VON NOY checked the waist window modification in the 721st Bomb Squadron. This modification is meant to reduce the cases of frost bite and consists in replacing the present hinged window with a permanently fixed frame and plexiglass. The gun mount is installed directly into the window frame. The installation does not look very strong. Capt VON NOY is going to test fire the waist guns as soon as possible.

SIGNALS

Lt Col DOTY, Capt HARTMAN, and Capt FERGUSON, Signal Officer, 1078th Signal Company, 62d Service Group visited the Depot at GIOIA to check on Radar supplies. Most supplies are available but there are some critical items. Inspected some new ships and checked the modifications being made. Lt GRACE at the Depot states that all of the new B-24's coming in are of the "L" type.

Installation of the new interphone amplifiers is complete in the 450th Bomb Group.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND accompanied the inspection of the 450th Bomb Group today.

Lt BRYAN is still in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Called Air Force and made arrangements to have the film, "TWO GIRLS and a SAILOR", returned for one night showing. Film will be available within three weeks.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (HV)

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Tuesday
14 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Colonel DAYTON the new Air Force Air Inspector came down with Col. MAXWELL who is leaving. We (47th Wing) are losing a mighty good friend.

Inspecting the 450th Bombardment Group (hv).

ADJUTANT

Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force requested a "surplus officer personnel report". The rank and military duty of twenty-~~one~~ three surplus officers was reported, as reported to this office by Groups. The 376th declared 5 surplus; 98th declared 16 surplus, provided replacements arrive for rotated personnel; 450th declared 1 officer surplus; and 449th declared 1 officer surplus.

This Wing was given an increase of one enlisted man to be sent to U. S. on ground rotation (Permanent change of station) and one EM for TD.

Lt Col CASSELL, Capt MCFADDEN, and Lt WILKS visited all Squadron and Group Headquarters of the 449th Bomb Group and discussed problems on personnel, Special Services, and classification. Records appear to be showing improvement as much work has been done on them. Orientation and Education program can show much improvement. Capt McFADDEN and Col CASSELL discussed this at length with Col RANDOLPH. They also discussed the problem of supplying Stars & Stripes to the Group on same day that they come out. Capt McFADDEN stated that he would have the Courier drop the papers off at San Giorgio and a Group vehicle could pick the papers up. This should get the Stars & Stripes out to the Group not later than 1600 hours on the same date.

A-2 SECTION

A-2, 15th Air Force by telephone the anniversary issue of the Bomb Blast had been cleared with the censor for mailing. Suggest no action be taken until confirming letter arrives.

Advised by A-1 that the late Capt KEEBLE, formerly Wing PI Officer has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his work with the Wing.

Lt Col THOMAS and Capt ENGEL to 376th Group for briefing - only to have the mission cancelled while they were enroute.

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Diary, 14 Nov 44.

A-2 SECTION contd.

Lt Col MURPHY, Special Int. Officer, 15th Air Force advised - in response to question from this Wing - that Radio monitor operators need not fly mission which do not go North of the head of the Adriatic. He also believes they are to be rotated home on the same basis as other Combat crew members. So advised 98th Group.

A-3 SECTION

Major ELLIOTT, Inspected 450th Group yesterday 11-13-44. Inspected ship at 450th with General RUSH and Major NUGENT in regards to possibility of modifying nose.

Capt GRIMM, Inspected 376th Group 11-13-44.

Lt FARRIS, Inspected Bombing Section 98th 11-13-44.
Inspected Bombing Section 376th Group this a. m.
Major NUGENT now inspecting 450th Bombing Sections.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 9 a/c formation | 5 a/c practice bombing |
| 3 a/c instruments 2 hours. | 4 a/c practice gunnery |
| 1 a/c gunnery | 4 a/c transition |
| 3 a/c Bomb range #4 of which 2 are PFF | 4 a/c instruements |
| | 2 a/c Radar Test Hops & Bombing |
| 4 a/c formation flying | 4 a/c calibration of instruments |
| ~~6 a/c night navigation~~ (cancelled) | 1 a/c cross country. |

| 449th Bomb Group | 450th Bomb Group |
|---|---|
| 6 a/c gunnery | 6 a/c instruments |
| 2 a/c bombing 15,000 feet. | 7 a/c formation |
| 2 a/c bombing 25,000 feet. | 2 a/c gunnery |
| | 4 a/c bombing |
| | 4 a/c transition. |

A-4 SECTION

Routine.

ARMAMENT

Instructions and check list for a Group C-1 Autopilot Inspector are about ready for distribution to the Groups. Two enlisted men from the 450th Group's bombsight section were in conference with Capt HART relative to this inspection.

Capt BENHAM, 98th Group Armament Officer came over to bring his Tachometers for calibration and also for a conference with Capt HART.

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Diary, 14 Nov 44.

INSPECTION

Spoke to Capt HICKS, S-4, 449th Group in regards to JX ship they want to declare War-weary. Told him we wanted the ship for experimental purposes. He advised me that ship was in Bari for engine change.

Called Major LEWIS, Asst A-4, 15 AFSC, and told him we would like to get the 449th JX ship at Bari as soon as possible. He said that he would make every effort to hurry it along and would notify me on the 15th Nov when we could expect it.

Talked with Major KAPELL, Engineering Officer, of 62d Serv Group and Lt MEACH, Engineering Officer of 331st Air Service Sq. in regard to proposed nose modification. Will work with these two officers and with Major ELLIOTT and Major MORENT on the modification.

Told Major ZUCCO, 376th Group, not to replace de-icer boots on any but "Mickey" ships.

We still have a total of 8 "mickey" ships not painted. Paint is not available. First priority on paint goes to all other Wings in the Air Force. Major LEWIS, Asst A-4, XV AFSC would not give me the reason as to this preferential treatment of the other Wings.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Received teletype from 15th Air Force informing us of a meeting of Special Service Officers to be held in the Officer's Club, Oriente Hotel (Bari) on Monday, 20 November 1944 at 1100 hours.

The 449th Bomb Group will submit an order for Stars and Stripes and YANK magazines this afternoon. Capt LAMA will handle all transactions.

Private Feldman spoke on "DEMOCRACY" at the Squadron Orientation meeting in the Enlisted Men's Day Room.

Made arrangements with Lt PANGALOS (Rest Camp Hotel Officer) to feed the personnel of the Italian Variety Show for two meals on 26 Nov 44.

Informed "Stars and Stripes" office that "Union Jack" did not arrive.

Capt MCFADDEN inspected the 449th Group and its Squadrons, with Col CASSELL. We also had a talk with the CO and Executive Officer of the Group. They don't seem to like the work being done by Capt LAMA. It is being brought to his attention again this morning and if no improvement is shown, they will take action. All Squadrons are in the process of improving their Day Rooms for enlisted men. The Group is still in bad need of an Orientation and Education Officer.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (hv)

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Monday
13 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

General BORN and General MOLLISON accepted invitation to Combat-Service "Pep" meeting, 28 November 1944.

The 450th Bomb Group (hv) will be inspected tomorrow, 15 November 44 at 0930 hours.

ADJUTANT

Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Called Col WARNER and requested Major JOHN A. DE PORTES and Capt BENJAMIN J. SHIELDS of AAFFGS, Tyndall Field, Florida for assignment to this Wing. Col WARNER stated that Col MAXWELL had given him these names and that he had made the request stated.

Air Force called and wanted 13 skeleton crews for approximately 2 weeks DS for transporting repatriates back to this Air Force. Air Force wanted crews that have completed their missions or about to complete their missions. This was referred to Wing A-3.

Called all Groups and requested they submit names of any officer personnel now in the US that they desire. So far we have received only 3 names.

A-2 SECTION

Replacement for Capt NEEDHAM, rotated S-2 officer from 98th Bomb Group has arrived but has had no training or experience in combat intelligence. He will be trained in the Group.

Letter to all Group CO's outlining 15th Air Force conclusions on GAF fighter developments in past six months.

Letter to 98th Bomb Group on security policy with respect to briefing flimsies. Rather than have anything left off sheet or coded, crews are to be impressed with necessity for destruction of papers in emergency.

A-3 SECTION

Maj SMILEY; A B-24L lead 449th Bomb Group on the 12th Nov 44. Average power setting 32" 2250 R.P.M, maximum power setting 34" 2250 R.P.M, fuel consumption average 214 gallons per hour, climb 160 M.P.H.

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DIARY, 13 Nov 44.

A-3 SECTION

AERIAL TRAINING:

98th Bomb Group
11 a/c gunnery range
3 a/c navigation flight
1 a/c bomb range
1 a/c air speed calibration.
3 a/c compass swing

449th Bomb Group
28 a/c formation
10 a/c bomb range #3
10 a/c compass swing
6 a/c gunnery range
2 a/c FFF training
3 a/c instrument training
3 a/c transition
1 a/c altitude check
3 a/c cross country.

376th Bomb Group
4 a/c bombing range #4
2 a/c gunnery range
3 a/c calibration instruments and compass swing
.2 a/c instrument flight
5 a/c transition flight
2 a/c test hops
1 a/c cross country.

450th Bomb Group
8 a/c gunnery
12 a/c bombing range #3
6 a/c instruments
6 a/c transition flights

SIGNALS

Lt Col DOTY and Capt TRUDY visited 450th Bomb Group and inspected Communications and Radar Sections. All Sections are all spruced up for the coming inspection.

Installation of RCM, "Carpet", is about one-half completed in the 449th Bomb Group. With the completion of this installation, all Groups of this Wing will be "Carpet" equipped.

Two Squadrons of the 450th Group have been equipped with the new Interphone Amplifier. Reports from the 449th Bomb Group indicate that this Amplifier is a great improvement over the old type as it can be adjusted for various altitudes.

INSPECTION

This Section completed the Technical Inspection of the 376th Bomb Group.

Group was notified not to put de-icer boots on.

Capt GARRETT went to GIOIA for a meeting between Wing Engineering Officers and Supply Officers. Purpose of meeting was a tour of the Depot to see what facilities areavailable and what work is being done.

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Diary, 13 Nov 44.

SURGEON

Appointments have been made for 16 November 44 at Air Force for examination and possible radiation treatment of all cases grounded or who have had repeated attacks of Otitis Media.

An affirmative answer was given to the request for Major JAMES B. NUTTALL, Surgeon 376th Bomb Group, as being available for assignment as an instructor at the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas.

Trouble has again sprung up between Italian authorities in Lecce Province and Dr. RINI, the local physician on V. D. control. Dr. RINI has done many favors for Allied troops and has been the only Italian Medico who has cooperated. We are somewhat morally bound to assist him but furthermore are anxious to keep him in his present position. Have the CIC investigating and have requested ACC either to put Dr. RINI on their pay roll or allow us to do so and notify the Provincial Government to lay off.

Lt BRYAN is still in the Hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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**HEADQUARTERS**
**47TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)**
**APO 520 U S ARMY**

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Sunday
12 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

A Combat-Service Rep meeting will be held at 0900 hours, 28 November 1944 (Tuesday) at the 450th Bomb Group. Colonels MAXWELL, WARNER, BOTTWELL, Lt Col PEARSON, MC, notified.

General BORN and General MOLLISON will be called later.

Inspection of Hq Sq and 331st Signal Co beginning at 1330 hours, 28 November 1944. The inspecting party will have lunch with these two Units, ½ to Hq Sq 47th Wing and ½ to 331st Signal Company (Mg).

ADJUTANT

An Aircrew Evaluation and Research team composed of Capt R. J. BRICK, and 2 Enlisted Men arrived this date. They are to make a survey of the entire Wing extending over a period of approximately five to seven days.

Lt Col WALTERS and Lt COOPER departed for Air Force Headquarters to attend a conference held by the Air Force Judge Advocate General on Courts-Martial.

A-1 SECTION

We called Air Force reference the possibility of sending rotation personnel to NAPLES by motor vehicle yesterday. They called back and said that this would not be permitted.

Air Force called and stated that they had a supply officer in grade of Captain and asked if we could use him for 450th Bomb Group, who had previously asked for a Supply Officer. We stated that we desired this officer.

Air Force is going to cut orders placing Major VALLERO, 449th Group on DS with 15th Air Force Service Command.

Air Force called and stated that AAF/ATC has a wire from the War Dept requesting information on availability of Maj MUTTALL of 376th Bomb Group to teach at School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas. We stated he is available. We will receive a replacement.

Capt OSBORNE (Gunnery Officer) is being transferred from 376th Group to 98th Group.

Personnel will again be sent to Capri Rest Camp.

In reference to crews expected, they are enroute and are due in about two weeks.



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47TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

DAILY DIARY, 12 Nov 44.

A-2 SECTION

Routine

A-3 SECTION

98th Group
No nite flying.
3 a/c range #4
2 a/c navigation flight
1 a/c airspeed and compass

449th Group

No nite flying

376th Group

No nite flying.

450th Group
(Nite) 4 a/c up 1815 return 2100
4 a/c range #3
2 a/c navigation flight
4 a/c transition.

CAPT WORNOY: Capt OSBORNE from 376th, trfd to 98th as Squadron Gunnery Officer.

Major ELLIOTT: 376th, 98th, and 449th Groups sent one (1) navigator from each of Groups above to attend navigator's school in Bari.

A-4 SECTION

This office contacted Area Engineers, 450th Bomb Group in regards to Wing Flight Line. The hardstand is in poor shape and needs immediate attention. The Engineers are going to work on it as soon as possible.

INSPECTION

Personnel of this section are conducting a Technical Inspection of the 376th Group.

Checked why this Group had only 49 ships assigned and find that during the month of November this Group has lost 12 ships. (3 were converted into Non-operational; 1 was salvaged; 1 exploded;4 were sent to the Depot; and 3 to the 15th AFSC. This Group has priority on all ships coming into the Wing.

Called Capt LEECER, Nutmeg 154, in regards to Ground Training ship for 376th Group. We were told to have the Group submit a letter and the Air Force would approve it.

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47TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

DIARY, 12 Nov 44.

ARMAMENT

Capt HART went to BARI to exchange some repairable K-4 Computing Gun sights for serviceable sights. While there, methods were discussed to expedite this exchange. Hereafter, Depot 51 will keep a minimum stock of five (5) serviceable sights on hand for exchange with the 47th Wing Sight Shop. Capt HART will further discuss this matter with Capt CHERRY, 331st Service Sq Air Corps Supply, and together they will go to Depot 51 to complete arrangements.

While in BARI, Capt HART also checked into the Supply situation on Bombsight Maintenance materials. Nothing definite was accomplished on this, however, did get some hot leads that should turn out very profitable for us in the near future.

A Master Tachometer Callibrator has been received and is now set-up in the Wing Gun Sight trailer. First tachometers will be received Tuesday, 14 November 1944 for callibration.

CWS

Bar and MESS

Have spent the past several days checking up on the outlets for extra food items for the Mess. Have a fairly reliable source for white potatoes at present, and will continue to be able to secure these until the season here in Italy is over.

Have arranged for fish to be purchased for our Mess, each week. The only reason we will not have fresh fish on Fridays, will be in the event that the boats do not go out on Wednesday, thru Friday. In such an instance, we will have to do without.

Have located a spot which still has some electric light fixtures, and the prices are not too bad. Also wall type switches, in case anyone happens to be in need of same.

Our new addition to the kitchen, Sergeant KIRBY, seems to be doing a good job on the baking. Main problem being that we are issued ONE can of lard (27lbs.) permonth for our mess, and that he has used (in conjunction with our French Fried potatoes) a ful can in the past two days. Mentioned this to indicate some of the problems arising at times.

WEATHER

The Weather Station of 449th Bomb Group was visited by Major MOSELEY and 2d Lt REYNOLDS B. WALLACE on 11 November 44.

Weather Station found in excellent condition and giving excellent service to the Group.

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

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Saturday
11 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Major SMITH, Area Engineer, Capt PENNY, and I visited the 98th and 376th Bomb Groups and talked to the Group Commanding Officers' and Airdrome Engineers at both places. Work was progressing slow, but satisfactory and both Group Commanding Officers' were pleased with their respective Engineer Officers'.

Major OLIVER C. AUCHMAN (376th) Major OWEN'S replacement reported in. He is 52 years old and is either a supply or material officer. He is anxious to get going and I believe that he will make us a good officer.

ADJUTANT

One of Capt CURRY's motorcycle patrolmen involved in traffic accident and was killed. Lt COOPER is investigating.

A-1 SECTION

Called Air Force reference transfer of Major FORQUET from 449th Bomb Group to HQ. 15th Air Force and they said it would be done on orders today.

One (1) crew reported from GIOIA and was assigned to 450th Group.

A-2 SECTION

Routine

A-3 SECTION

Col WARDEN; 450th had taxi accident. 376th lost Mickey aircraft believed to have landed at SOFIA last night.

Lt PARRIS; Inspected 376th Group yesterday.

Capt ROSE; Inspected 449th Bomb Group today.

TRAINING:

98th Group
3 a/c PFF - Bomb range #4
6 a/c calibration
3 a/c gunnery

449th Group
2 a/c gunnery
3 a/c transition
2 a/c PFF bomb
3 a/c

376th Group
2 PFF a/c 1 test - 1 bomb.
2 a/c cross country
Runway closed until 1200 hours.

450th Bomb Group
4 a/c bombing #3
4 a/c navigational
2 a/c transition
7 a/c formation
2 a/c gunnery



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Diary, 11 Nov 1944.

A-4 SECTION

Capt FLOYD made Group inspection with Chief of Staff and Major SMITH of 837th Area Engineers.

ARMAMENT

Capt HART checked the installation of the Tail Guns in the B-24L at the 450th Bomb Group and found this modification to be very satisfactory.

The work of preparing the Armament Mobile Training Unit for classroo use has been completed and the Unit left for the 449th Bomb Group. It has been turned over to Capt MARTIN H. STEIN, 449th Group Armament Officer who will supervise the instruction there.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN inspected the 449th Bomb Group today.

Col COGLAND visited the 450th Bomb Group this afternoon.

Lt BRYAN is still in the Hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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APO 520

10 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Capt Volk of 376th Gp will be placed on DS with the 5th Army effective 15 Nov/44.

Checked with AF reference status of unit citations for 376th Gp, and they stated that the 3rd one has been approved by AF and forwarded to AAF/MTO on 8 Nov and the 4th one is still pending in AF.

AF called and stated that we will receive one crew from Gioia by truck tomorrow.

Reference MATOUSA Cir 129 and a check with AF, rotation replacements may be furnished by the organization if they have a surplus in that rank and MOS. Report must be made to AF. Gps notified.

We placed 3 Navigators and 4 Bombardiers on DS with A-3 Training Section for School effective Nov 12th.

We received rotation list from AF today. They must be in 22d Repl Bn not later than 1500 hours Nov 17th. Also checked with AF reference the possibility of sending personnel to Naples via motor vehicles rather than by rail to forestall what happened the last time (personnel almost froze and canned rations with no coffee. 30 hrs enroute). AF said they would notify us on this tomorrow. Gps notified about their respective rotatees and time they will report to Bari.

Received TWX from AF today. No personnel will be sent to Capri Rest Camp until further notice. Message relayed to groups.

AF called and asked if we needed personnel such as cooks, carpenters (no clerks) ---these personnel run from Pvt to M/Sgt and from 2 months overseas to 2 years. We furnished a negative reply.

Received letter signed by Gen Twining reference AF receipts of AAF Aid Society. We note with pleasure that the 47th Wing, as in everything else leads the list.

Received word from AF that Lt Col Fellows has been promoted to Colonel effective 9 Nov/44.



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A-1 SECTION CONT'D.

Received TWX from AF and relayed it to the groups to the effect that Combat Crews who returned from ZI on TD are in the same status before they left. Those who had finished 50 missions and want to return to the states again may do so. Those who have not, may continue combat (provided they pass physical until they finish their 50 and then go home.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col Warren: Requested OK for trip to Greece for Gen HUSH and Col KYLE. Col Rogers says he will try again and notify us.
376th had landing accident - ship overshot, burned brakes out and ran off runway in cross wind. Hit truck and wrecked A/C and truck. No injury to crew.
Called all groups to transport searchlight operator personnel to Bari replacement center on 12 Nov/44. All Gps have trained their own personnel now.

Maj Staley: Tactical inspection 450th Gp.

Capt Grimmer: Morning movies were shown in War Room 1000 Hours - Topics were C-1 Auto-Pilot - the Survival of the Fittest.
Schedule for Mobile Training Unit arranged for 98th Gp.

Capt Sjoberg: 9 Nov - Inspected 449th Gp in the morning and in the afternoon went to the 98th and 376th Gps with Capt Hartman and Lt Matthews to explain the new pressure systems for Radar Aircraft.
10 Nov - Scheduled 3 new PFF operators to PFF school in Bari commencing 12 Nov/44 for 6 day course in procedure.

Capt VonNoy: Inspected Gunnery Sections in the 449th Gp.

TRAINING

98th Gp - Negative

449th Gp - 28 a/c Formation
10 a/c Bombing range practice.
8 a/c Gunnery
4 a/c Instrument calibration
2 a/c Cross Country
1 a/c Camera Bombing

376th Gp - 8 a/c Gunnery
3 a/c Practice bombing
5 a/c High Alt Tests
5 a/c Transition
2 a/c Calibration
1 a/c Mickey, fuel consumption test.
2 a/c Instrument Practice

450th Gp - 7 a/c Formation
6 a/c Practice bombing
4 a/c Gunnery practice
6 a/c Instrument practice
3 a/c Test hops.



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ARMAMENT SECTION

Capt Hart contacted Capt Graham, 62nd Service Gp, with whom had a long conference regarding armament parts situation as its exists in this command. He promised his full support toward remeding the supply problems.

Procured bomb interval control, also bulk charging cable which will be sent to the 449th B Gp.

Armament Mobile Unit is ready to go on the road. It is scheduled to start at the 449th Gp.

INSPECTION SECTION

Made an additional inspection of the new B-24L assigned to the 450th Gp. It is estimated that approximatel 500 pounds is removed from the tail section by the substitution of the tail twin stingers in place of the turret. In this particular ship the ammunition belts do not interfere with the operation of the guns as they did in the case of the ship assigned to the 98th Gp.

Six pieces of cowling around the bottom of the accessory section of each nacelle are steel. They will increase the weight of the ship by between 150 and 200 pounds.

Kits for the modification of the open waist windows to the closed type have been received. This modification will proceed rather slowly since quite a lot of work is involved. Modification of ships that already have 500 or more flying hours will not be made.

Six more kits have been received and two are being made locally from salvaged parts for the H2X pressurization modification. If kits continue to be received at this rate the modification will be complete on all radar ships assigned to the Wing within another week.

Orders have been received from AF approving the transfer of one ship of the 98th Gp to Gioia as war weary. This correspondence will be returned to the AF with a request that this ship be retained and salvaged for parts, as per verbal agreement with Col Heim, 15th AFSC Air Maintenance Officer.

SIGNAL SECTION

Capt Hartman and Lt Matthews visited each Gp Engineering Section and Radar Section for purpose of explaining and instructing said personnel on the new installation for pressurization of H2X equipment. Available parts kits were distributed to each Gp so that work can get underway as soon as possible.

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SIGNAL SECTION CONT'D.

An open wire circuit was constructed between 47th Wing and the 35th Field Hospital. We now have two open wire circuits available to the Hospital, one direct and the other routed thru the 450th Signal Bn switchboard.

A-4 SECTION

This office inspected runway and taxi strips and hardstands at 98th Gp 10 Nov/44. Particular attention was paid to Italian structure at South End of runway. A crew of Italian engineers are razing this building and although progress is slow, the building now stands only 10 ft high and it used to be 40ft high. Lt Johnson, 98th, S-4, assured the inspecting officer that the building should be completely down in a day or two.

Repair work on South End of Runway is nearly finished. The Engineers could not lay asphalt yesterday because of rain and this is holding them up. One taxi strip is being widened but the work is being done by Italian Engineers and progress is slow.

There are seventy-five (75) hard stands are all in excellent condition.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  /so

Thursday
9 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

General TWINING made the Unit Citation presentation yesterday at the 449th Bomb Group. Colonel TAYLOR, Col WARNER, and Major YOUNT came down from Air Force.

General HUSH, Col WARREN, Col THOMAS, Capt PERRY and I went down. The units performed their parts in the ceremony very well, except there were a few breaks, when they passed in review. The reception was very nice.

Capt GARRETT is being assigned to the Air Inspector's Office to work with Lt MATHEWS.

ADJUTANT

Training films are shown in the War Room every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1000 hours.

A-1 SECTION

(a-1 section note Col KNEE's diary regards to Capt GARRETT's assignment.)

Talked to Col FLEISCHER, 449th Bomb Group about improving his Special Service Section.

We received letter from Air Force reference tentative Special Service program after the defeat of Germany. It calls for a survey to be made within the units so that specific personnel can be selected and "earmarked".

Our requisition submitted 2 November 44 for medals was not completely filled. Decorations not furnished were DFCs, Silver Stars and Bronze Stars. Called 62d Service Group, Quartermaster. They said they would check further with Service Command, but stated that they were not available at the time.

General TWINING presented Battle Streamer for Distinguished Unit Citation (2d award) to 449th.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS attended presentation ceremony at 449th Bomb Group, where General TWINING presented the Group with its second unit Citation

Memorandum on security policy relative to briefing flimsies submitted to the Wing Commander.

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A-3 SECTION

TRAINING:

98th Bomb Group
3 a/c bomb range #4
1 a/c gunnery range
2 a/c navigation hops to Naples
14 a/c formation
1 a/c navigation hop to Iesi
2 PFF test on #4 range 27,000 ft.

376th Bomb Group

Closted for repairs.

449th Bomb Group
16 a/c formation
6 a/c bombing practice
3 a/c gunnery
6 a/c compass swing
3 a/c transition
2 a/c cross-country

450th Bomb Group
8 a/c to #3 range
8 a/c instrument flight
8 a/c to gunnery range
7 a/c formation

Major STALEY, Tactical inspection of the 449th Bomb Group.

Capt GRIMMER, Inspected 98th Bomb Group 8 Nov.

Made arrangements with 98th to accomodate Mobile Training Unit, scheduled for that Group on 11/3.

Inspected 450th Bomb Group 9 Nov.

15th Air Force has recalled 3 Jam Handy Trainers - will be returned 15 January 1945..

Installation of British H2X trainer at 450th Bomb Group has been halted; awaiting arrival of American trainer from States.

| ITEM | QUANTITY PER GROUP |
|---|---|
| Trainers, Link | 2 |
| Trainers, bomb, A-2, A-2-A, A-2-B | 2 |
| Pilot, automatic, type C-1 | 1 |
| Pilot, automatic, type A-5 | 1 |
| Trainer, gunnery, flexible type E-14 | 2 |
| Trainer, Henshaw | 1 |
| Projector, motion picture, type 2 class 2 | 1 |
| Turrets, type A-13 | 1 |
| Type A-3 | 1 |
| type A-6 | 1 |
| type A-15 | 1 |
| Plants, electric power, 9.4 KVA, 12 ov, ac | 1 |
| Plants, electric power, 6.3 KVA, 120V, AC | 2 |
| Plants, electric power, 2KW,28 1/2V, DC | 2 |

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ARMAMENT (A-4 SECTION)

Capt HART, Talked with Major CRUICE at Air Force about glass replacements for the new tail gun installations. He will try to obtain one such glass per Group as soon as possible.

The Armament training unit is almost complete. It will probably go to the 449th Group on the 11 Nov 44.

The 376th Bomb Group has gone two missions without any bomb rack malfunctions. The 98th had no malfunction reported on their last mission. This looks much better besides the usual 4 to 6 ships salvoing on a mission. All the Groups are doing everything possible to eliminate bomb rack trouble.

This office made all the necessary arrangements for the distribution of fuel oil to all units this Wing.

INSPECTION

Spoke to Major DAWKINS of the 450th in regards to his reason for high engine failures in March and April. Was informed that it was because of formation which required high power settings for outside box during time Group was forming at rendezvous.

Checked with 98th Group, S-4, in regards to their percentage of ships in commission. On last mission over Brenner Pass, Group was badly shot up. In addition to other damage, six engines must be changed and sixteen fuel cells replaced. It will be two or three days before they can build up to normal.

Visited all Groups and showed them how to install the H2X pressurization kits. Corrected one installation already made at the 449th Group. In this case the kit was installed in such a manner that the air was pumped overboard at No. 3 Nacelle without pressurizing the equipment except when the deicer boots were in operation.

Due to lack of time was able to make only a very cursory examination of the new B-24L at the 98th. The following was noted:

a. The tail guns cannot be brought to bear against an enemy ship coming in from the right due to interference of the turret with the ammunition chutes. Have advised Wing Armament that at least on this particular ship the ammunition chutes will have to be supported by a bracket that will raise them about 4 inches off the floor and tilt them at a sharp angle.

b. The cowling for the Nacelles is chrome moly steel as a protection against flak. Am not entirely sold on this installation since if flak hits the inboard side of either #2 or #3 nacelle it will be deflected into the flight deck. Will make a further study on the 10th as to the increase of weight and the entent of coverage of this steel cowling.

c. The Navigator's table faces forward but is directly behind the Nose turret. The nose compartment is extremely crowded because of this,

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INSPECTION contd.

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and it is possible only to install one blister for the Bombardier, the one on the right side. The visibility for the Bombardier to the left of the ship is poor.

d. Blisters are already installed for the Navigator, and in the Pilot's and Co-Pilot's windows.

e. The command deck is cleared of all oxygen bottles inverters etc.. and is arranged for greater safety in ditching.

f. About ten oxygen bottles have been moved to aft of the rear escape hatch.

g. The flight deck is badly crowded with Radar and Radio installations which leave just enough room for the operation of the upper turret.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY /so

Wednesday
8 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and stated that S Sgt English, 376th Group will go home this month as emergency rotation and also stated that Sgt Maciejewski, 450th Group would leave tomorrow on emergency rotation. We notified Group to have him sent to Capt GRIFFITH at Air Force today, with his baggage.

Air Force asked for 1st Lt OSBORNE, 376th Group for DS for 60 days with Communications Section of Air Force. Called Group and they concurred. Air Force will cut orders.

We notified 376th Group to send Capt GARRETT down to our Headquarters for duty. We will cut orders.

Air Force called and stated that 12th Air Force does not want Capt L. BOUNTY for a Hq. Commandant.

A-2 SECTION

Requested escape Intelligence Officer, 15th Air Force, to obtain 3000 small American flags for issue to combat crew members. These would be worn on the sleeve for identification, experience indicating they are coming to be the badge by which U. S. soldiers are recognized in enemy territory.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN: Letter of commendation prepared on 376th Group for MOOSBIERBAUM bombing job.

Letter out to all Groups - only 4 engine Pilots taxi.

Col WARREN toured all Squadrons visiting Operations, of the 98th Group.

~~Major STANLEY~~

Major STANLEY, Tactical inspection of the 376th Group.

TRAINING:

| 98th Bomb Group | 376th Bomb Group |
|---|---|
| 1 a/c bomb range | 3 a/c bomb range #4 |
| | 2 a/c C-1 check |
| | FIELD CLOSED 1230-1700 repairs. |



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A-3 SECTION contd

TRAINING contd.

| 449th Bomb Group | 450th Bomb Group |
|---|---|
| 2 a/c orientation | Night Training |
| 2 a/c transition | 1 a/c instruments |
| 2 a/c xc navigation | 3 a/c navigation. |
| 1 a/c PFF and G.E flight | |
| 1 a/c VIS Bomb and PFF run | |

A-4 SECTION

A sufficient number of cots and tents are now available at QM to supply the needs of all Groups. The Groups have been notified to submit requisitions for the cots and tents they need. There are a total of 1500 cots.

Arrangements have been made with 1145th QM Co. to procure sufficient 55 gal. drums for the Bomb Groups to be used as fuel oil containers. Each organization will be furnished fuel oil on a weekly rather than monthly basis. This will cut down the number of drums needed. Also arrangements have been made to issue the oil direct from the tank car eliminating unnecessary handling.

ORDNANCE

Routine.

SIGNAL

Lt Colonel DOTY visited the 449th Bomb Group.

Work on the Beacon transmitter is progressing satisfactorily. Italian Naval personnel are assisting in setting up the equipment.

INSPECTION

6 new B-24LX ships have arrived in this Wing. The distribution is as follows:

2 - 8th Group
1 - 376th Group
2 - 449th Group
1 - 450th Group

Haven't had a chance to see the new ships as yet.

Tubing has been obtained for pressurization of H2X equipment and work has started. Estimated time of completion .... 3 days...

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47th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 US ARMY

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Tuesday
7 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine

ADJUTANT

Routine

A-1 SECTION

We forwarded 450th Group Unit citation to Air Force today for REGENSBURG, 25 February 1944.

Air Force asked for an Officer in the grade of 1st Lt with an Adjutant's background for transfer. We furnished a negative report.

Furnished Air Force committment for 5 crews plus 3 crew chiefs as called for yesterday by Air Force.

We are getting a Special Service Officer in grade of 2d Ltfor 450th Bomb Group. He is a grounded Navigator.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted weekly summary of Wing Operations.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARDEN:- Issued new Wing Lead Group Roster - 376th, 450th, and 98th rotate in carpet led missions, 449th to lead all non-carpet.

376th substituted Major GEORGE and Major SNYDER on roster of "Restricted" wing leaders. These men in place of Major WOOD and ROBINSON who are through.

All Groups instructed by teletype that minimum peel off altitude will be 1000 feet in future. This is purely a safety measure.

Groups informed that Service Group CO has agreed that no enlisted personnel can taxi a/c. In future service units will call Group Operations whenever a Pilot is needed.

Capt VON NOY:- Inspected the 450th Bomb Group, inspected 376th Group yesterday.

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A-3 SECTION contd.

TRAINING

| 98th Group | | 376th Group |
|---|---|---|
| 2 a/c bomb range | | 2 a/c bomb range |
| 1 a/c high altitude test | | 1 a/c gunnery |
| 2 a/c transition | | 1 a/c navigational flights |
| **449th Group** | | **450th Group** |
| 3 a/c cross country - Navigation | | 4 a/c bombing range #3 |
| 3 a/c local calibration | | 2 a/c gunnery |
| 6 a/c transition | 6 a/c | 6 a/c transition |
| 2 a/c altitude test | | 3 a/c navigational flights |
| 3 a/c test hop | | |

10 PFF ships being picked up at G10La for assignment to Groups as follows:

3 - 98th Group
3 - 376th Group
2 - 449th Group
2 - 450th Group.

A-4 SECTION )

ORDNANCE ) Routine

INSPECTION

Lt MATTHEWS spent most of day working on H2X pressurization. 30 kits have been requisitioned by the Groups and 12 have been received. At the present time the lack of tubing is the hold-up. Tried to make arrangements to go to Viz for the purpose of getting tubing, but was unsuccessful. Will check again tomorrow.

Have been trying to get training ship for the 376th Bomb Group. Contacted Capt LEACLR at Bari. He will call back tomorrow.

Checked on Memo 65-01-5-19, XV AFSC Maintenance Memo, drawings of waist window modification on B-24. Memo was being sent out at time of call.

ARMAMENT

Lt HART flew mission with 450th Bomb Group.

SURGEON

Routine. Lt BRYAN is still in the hospital.

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SIGNALS

Meeting held of all Group Communications officers and 62d Service Group Signal and Supply Officers. General Communications and Supply problems were discussed. At the present time there is a shortage of Headsets and flashlight batteries.

It is expected by 8 November to have all ships of the 449th Bomb Group equipped with the new AM-26/AIC Interphone Amplifier. One Squadron of this Group has been using these new amplifiers and are pleased with their operation. The 450th Bomb Group will be equipped as soon as the installation is complete at the 449th Bomb Group.

All Groups have received on additional VHF Radio Set #624. This is the same type as used by Wing A-3 and has a good range. These sets will be installed in the Group Towers and be set-up to handle the Group VHF "B" channel for Airdrome Control.

On 3 November 44 a monthly get-to-gether of all Radar Officers in the 15th Air Force was held at the 15th Air Force. Lt HALSTEN spoke on activities observed during his visit to the 8th Air Force and Capt FRIEDMAN from the CBI Theater spoke on the activities of the 14th Air Force and the use of LAB Radar Equipment on Japanese shipping. Mr FITZGERALD led a discussion of H2X maintenance problems, including decisions on methods of pressurization of H2X without disturbing deicer boot operation.

On 6 November 44 Capt HARTMAN, Wing Radar Officer, visited the 376th Bomb Group and inspected the new Radar Camera Installation.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

Monday
6 November 194

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

At the inspection of the 98th Bombardment Group (hv) yesterday the following were present:-

HQ. 47th WING

| | | |
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| Col | KYLE, | Chief of Staff |
| Major | BROWN, | Wing Air Inspector |
| Capt | BASON, | Hq Sq, CO |
| Capt | PAGANO, | 331st Signal Co, CO |
| Capt | FLINN, | Chaplain. |

98th BOMB. GROUP

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lt Col | MANZO, | Group CO |
| Lt Col | WILSON, | Executive Off |
| Major | PATT, | 343rd Sq, CO |
| Major | HABEGER, | 415th Sq, CO |
| Major | WEST, | 343rd Ex. Off |
| ~~Major~~ | ~~THOR~~ | 344th Sq, Ex Off |
| Major | BRYANT, | 345th Sq, Ex Off |
| Major | BURRIS, | 415th Sq, Ex Off. |

376th BOMB. GROUP

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|---|---|---|
| Lt Col | THOMPSON, | Executive Off |
| Major | SNYDER, | |
| Major | TAYLOR, | and Executive Officers. |

449th BOMB. GROUP

| | | |
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| Lt Col | FLEISCHER, | Executive Off |
| Capt | JORDAN, | |

Executive, and 2 Squadron Adjutants.

450th BOMB. GROUP

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lt Col | JACOBY, | Deputy Group CO |
| Major | McWHORTER, | |
| Major | DONOVAN, | Adjutant |

The inspection disclosed that:

a. Group Headquarters was in Superior condition, this Group has by far the nicest Headquarters in the entire Wing. Each Section had shown a great deal of pride in the looks of their Office and in themselves.

"It's a pleasure to go thru their Headquarters".

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CHIEF OF STAFF

343rd SQUADRON

a. This Squadron was in superb shape, in fact it was the best looking Squadron I have inspected. Major WEST, Squadron Executive Officer has done a superior job.

344th SQUADRON

a. An excellent Squadron, looking its best. Capt [illegible], Squadron CO and Capt [illegible] both new at the job. Are both very enthusiastic

345th SQUADRON

a. 345th was in excellent condition. Almost on a par with the 343rd and 344th Squadrons. Major NELSON is doing an excellent job. Major BRYANT, Squadron Executive, is awaiting a boat to go to the USA.

415th SQUADRON

a. 415th Squadron was in the poorest condition of all the Squadrons, but Major HABEGER, Squadron CO and Major [illegible], Sq Ex Off, are both new in the Squadron and in a short order should have this Squadron around the top of the list.

The 98th Bombardment Group (hv) is the best looking Group that I have inspected so far. This Group has a tremendous amount of pride in everything they do and are out to win.

All Groups could make money by copying the 98th's Gunnery Training Unit, it is the best I have seen anywhere.

ADJUTANT

Received orders from Air Force relieving the 909th Air Base Security Bn from assignment to this headquarters and attaching them for Administration and Supply only.

a-1 SECTION

Air Force called and stated that S/Sgt Lemme, 98th Bomb Group would be sent home on rotation and that he would not be charged against our rotation quota. Sgt Lemme has been trfd to this Wing as a replacement for a rotatee and he had in more overseas service than the man he replaced.

Battle Participation Award for "South France" has been published in MATUSA letter for our Groups.

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A-1 SECTION contd.

Gen TWINING is expected at the 449th Bomb Group on Thursday, 9 Nov 44 to present battle streamer for distinguished Unit badge to that organization.

Air Force called for skeleton crews consisting of Pilot, Co-Pilot, Navigator, Engineer & Radio Operator for a special assignment, similar to one recently conducted in connection with repatriation. They also asked for 3 crew chiefs. They stated that the duty would be of approximately 3 weeks duration and preferred personnel who had finished 50 missions. We will phone our report in, in the morning.

Air Force called for a certified public accountant for 3 days duty at Air Force. We furnished a negative report.

We are sending 2 officers from the 98th Group and 1 from 376th Group on 10 November 44 for screening test to determine their eligibility for attendance at Gunnery School in ZI.

A-2 SECTION

Lt STEVENSON returned from 15th Air Force Headquarters where he worked on Radio Scripts. Possibility of putting "Voice of the Cottontails" on network show to States being discussed. Approval has been approved for Radio script on the crew chief of "Flame McGoon."

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN:- Groups think the remote rendy is practical according to reports from leaders after todays mission.

Sent copies of all Group's Pilot flimsy papers to all other Groups for comparison.

New 35 mission policy is in effect for all crews starting after 1 November. No double sorties for them. All other crews finish up under old policy.

Major ELLIOTT:- Witnessed the remote rendezvous at VIS Island - Satisfactorily conducted.

Capt GRIMMER:- Investigated a/c accident at 450th Group. A/c landed downwind with two engines feathered. Over ran end of runway. No casualties.

Made arrangements with combat camera unit to have several training films produced. H2X, Indoctrination are the main topics.

Morning movies were shown in the War Room at 1000 hours. S-1 Bombsight Operation, Flexible Gunnery and B-24 Bombing equipment were shown.



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Diary, 6 Nov 44.

A-3 SECTION

TRAINING:-

449th Group
1 a/c navigational mission.
1 a/c transition
2 a/c bomb range.

Col WARREN:- Lt Col MARSHALL will put out instructions to all Service Squadrons that only rated 4 Engine Pilots will Taxi Aircraft. They are to call Group Operations whenever they want a Pilot.

SIGNAL

Lt Col DOTY attended meeting of all Signal Officers at 15th Air Force General BORN was present at the meeting and gave a very interesting talk on the part Communications played in mission planning. The General explained in detail how the Weather Recce planes relayed weather information the day before the mission and just prior to the mission.

Colonel D'ARMOND reported that "GEE" group B parts were to be removed from all planes in the 15th Air Force.

SURGEON

A meeting of all Group Surgeons was held this afternoon. Information received at Wing Surgeon's meeting the previous day was passed onto the Groups. The most immediate problem is screening cases for ratiation treatment for Aerotites Media.

Lt BRYAN is still in the Hospital.

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47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

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Sunday
5 November 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called for an Officer of the grade of Major (Pilot) preferably a college graduate, knowing at least one foreign language, and studied economics or political history and had business experience in an executive or personnel capacity. We submitted a negative report. This was duty with the Air Force sub-commission of the Allied Commission.

AAF/MTO has approved presidential unit citation for 449th Group (Ploesti- 9 July 44) and forwarded it to WD.

Bronze Star Medals have been approved for M/Sgt Ketchum, 98th Group Armament Inspector and M/Sgt Treadway (449th Group - Flight chief).

A-2 SECTION

Prompt report from T/Sgt Romeo Horad, 909th ABS Bn, as to discovery of an escape purse, plus a telephone call to HQ. 5th Wing, resulted in the recovery of 9 escape purses lost from a wrecked airplane of the 301st Bomb Group.

A-3 SECTION

Capt STALEY. Tactical inspection of the 376th Group on 4 November and 5 November 1944.

Capt SJOBERG. One of 376th's PFF ships sent to GIUA to have Radar Scope camera installed. It will be returned to the 376th this evening.

Schedule set up so that by 12 November all Groups will have at least two ships equipped with Radar Scope Cameras.

TRAINING

98th Group
2 a/c bomb range

449th Group
3 a/c bomb range
4 a/c transition
1 a/c cross country navigation
1 a/c gunnery
1 a/c high-altitude test

376th
4 a/c cross country navigation
1 a/c gunnery
2 a/c bombing
1 a/c transition

450th Group
2 a/c navigation
2 a/c instruments
4 a/c bombing range #3
5 a/c transition.



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Diary, 5 Nov 44.

SURGEON

Lt Col COGLAND, Major GAVIN, and Capt CELLICA attented the medical meeting at the 26th General Hospital. Several excellent papers were presented to the more than 300 Army Doctors attending.

A Wing Surgeon's meeting was held at Air Force on 5 November 44.

a. All ambulances above 6 per Group and 1 per Wing Hq. are to be withdrawn from this Wing.

b. Air Force will attempt to get the Medical Officers' of this Wing a vacancy in the 26th General Hospital for their two week period of DS at a Hospital. This service was previously done at the 35th Field Hospital which has now been reduced in size.

c. The entire equipment of a Group Aid Station has now been authorized for Bomb Group Headquarters and will be made available as fast as received.

d. The two medical officers from General GRANT's office (The Air Surgeon) have arrived and are preparing to treat, irradiation all cases of Otitis Media. We will have several from this Wing. Treatment will be given only at the 26th General Hospital but on an out patient basis.

e. An Air Crew Research Department Group of Psychologists are in the Air Force and will soon appear at the various Wings for study and recommendations of Lead Navigators, Bombardiers, and Mickey Pilots. Altho this Department is under the Air Surgeon's Office, their work is directly concerned with A-3 and S-3 training officers.

f. Waist window enclosure kits will be issued ~~##~~ this wing by 10 November to the following extent.

98th - requested 29, will receive 19.
376th - requested 34, will receive 23.
449th - requested 30, will receive 20.
450th - requested 32, will receive 21.

Lt BRYAN is still in the Hospital.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

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4 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Inspection of 98th Bomb Group, 0930, Monday, 6 November 1944.

ADJUTANT.

Effective 1 November 1944, NATOUSA was redesignated MTOUSA (Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army), with APO 520.

General Twining will make presentation of the second Unit Citation streamer to the 449th Bomb Gp at 1400 hrs, 8 November 1944.

A-1 SECTION

Col Warner called and stated that 55th Wing desires Lt Col Price for transfer. Air Force will cut orders.

Lt Wilkes left for Rome this morning.

Lt Col Sawyer walked through his combat crew rotation papers today.

Capt Potter 98th Bomb Gp who returned to the US on TD quite some time ago, has been assigned within the continental US by Hq AAF, per TWX received from Air Force.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Aerial Training:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 98th- | 2 A/C Range #4 | 449th - | 1 A/C Range #3 |
| | 1 A/C PFF Destroyer | | 2 A/C PFF Destroyer |
| | 2 A/C Transition | | 2 A/C Nav. Flight |
| | | | 2 A/C Calibration |
| 376th- | 4 A/C Bomb Range | 450th- | 6 A/C Bomb Range #3 |
| | 1 A/C Test Hop | | 2 A/C Instruments |
| | 1 A/C Slow Time | | 1 A/C GEE flights |
| | 4 A/C Nav. Flights | | 5 A/C Transition |
| | 1 A/C Instruments | | |

Lt Col Warren: Sent letter and photos and sketch on new proposed bomb range to 15th AF requesting it be procured and assigned to 47th.

Lt Knight of 98th, DS to this Hq and A-3 as candidate for Asst Wing Navigator when Capt Rose leaves.

"Maxwell House" out for about 2 days for paint job.



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A-3 SECTION CONT'D

Phoned all groups to shorten assembly times on all long missions and preach fuel conservation.

A-4 SECTION

Capt Perry attended conference at Gioia with Col Sneed and Col ~~Hilmor~~ HEIM.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil

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47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

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Friday
3 November 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Majors SANDS, A-3, and RIDDLE, A-2. 55th Bomb. Wing (hv) reported in to take a look at the Wing Headquarters set-up.

A-1 SECTION

Capt OSBORNE returned from DS in ZI. He attended Gunnery School.

Lt Col PRICE went to the 55th Wing for interview with Gen ACHESON.

Received complaint from one of the Groups. They stated that their personnel returning to ZI by rotation, entrained at Bari in box cars and arrived at Naples 30 hours later. They were served "C" rations and no hot coffee enroute. They stated thaty they damned near froze en-route. This complaint was registered to Air Force. Air Force stated that they were aware of this occurrence and would further investigate it.

Air Force called and stated that Lt Col GRAY now DS with AAF/MTO is to be returned to the States on 15 November 1944 and requested that we prepare rotation papers immediately.

We are nominating Lt Col SAWYER for combat crew rotation. He has only 46 missions completed.

A-2 SECTION

Major RIDDLE, A-2, 55th Wing, spent two hours going over methods of operation of the A-2 Section, this headquarters.

Letter to all Groups advising as to disposition of obsolete materials on targets in France, Greece, Bulgaria, Roumania, Africa and Italy (South of Florence).

Letter to all Group pathfinder navigators and S-2's on use of the Pathfinder Operator's Target Information File now being distributed.

MAAF letter requesting a "security drive" to eliminate the divulging of military information by Prisoners of War forwarded to all Groups for compliance. MAAF reported that aircrews from 13 Strategic Air Force Squadrons were known to have divulged information to the Enemy during interrogation - and two of these Squadrons are in this Wing. Inclusion of these Squadrons is believed to be based on old reports, for corrective action was started in these units some months ago.



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A-3 SECTION

2 November 44

Capt GRIMMER: Meeting of all Groups Training Officers, 1400 hrs. Nite flying tactics were discussed - Plans for increasing training program during stand down days were laid. Investigated a/c accident at 376th Group, 1 November 44. a/c landed with flat tire, ran off runway to the left - blew up killing eleven (11) crew members. a/c was returning from mission with bomb load.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 6 a/c formation | 8 a/c airspeed calibration and compass swing. |
| 6 a/c gunnery | 4 a/c gunnery - 0900 |
| 7 a/c Airspeed calibration and compass swing. | 1 a/c cross country |
| 2 a/c PFF (bomb) | 10 a/c bombing |
| 1 a/c PFF check C-1, calibration and make dry runs. | 1 a/c instruments |
| 1 a/c PFF check C-1 and make dry runs. | 1 a/c slow time |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 4 a/c transition | 12 a/c C-1 check |
| 1 a/c GEE | 6 a/c bombing |
| 5 a/c compass swing | 12 a/c instruments |
| 3 a/c gunnery | 4 a/c calibration |
| 1 a/c cross country | |

3 November 44

Col WARDEN: Capt OSBORNE, ex 376th Armament officer, returned from school in USA and assigned to 376th as Gunnery Officer.

Capt GRIMMER; Arrangements are being made with Combat camera Unit to have training film made on H2X Trainer and Group formation.
Each Group will receive one movie projector in approximately two weeks to be used for showing of training films.
Morning movies were shown in War Room at 1000 hrs. "Beyond the Line of Duty", and "S-1 Bombsight". These films are shown every Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 1000 hrs in War Room.

Lt EATON: Test hopped B-24 #260 at 98th. Do not recommend for Staff airplane because of extremely poor climbing and flying characteristics. Checked with Air Force on personal equipment officers schooling. Sending three Officers to next school leaving only two temporary duty officers and one permanent duty officer without Air Force Personal Equipment School attendance.



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A-3 SECTION contd.

TRAINING

98th Group

No aerial training for today.

376th Group

2 a/c slow time.

449th Group
5 a/c gunnery flights
9 transition and instruments
3 compass swing
1 GEE navigation flight
1 test hop
4 a/c to bombing range

450th Group
4 navigation flights
4 instrument calibrations
8 instrument flights
4 a/c to bombing range
5 transition flights.

A-4 SECTION

Armament training unit due to arrive today. This unit will be completed and sent to all the Groups and Service Units for purpose of training maintenance and supply personnel.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND returned from the 376th today. The experiment on treatment of Infectious Hepatitis cases has been started in the 98th and 376th Groups.

Col COGLAND and Major GAVIN have gone to Bari to attend a meeting at the 26th General Hospital.

Capt BYRNE has returned to duty. Lt BRYAN has been sent to the 26th General Hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

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Thursday
2 November 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Inspection of the 376th Bombardment Group (hv).

Inspection party, excluding personnel of Hq. 47th Wing were:-

98th BOMB GROUP. Lt Col MANZO, WILSON, SAWYER, VAN SICKLE, Majors VAN DE CAR, NELSON and HABEGER; Captain LEHMAN, plus Squadron Executive Officers.

376th BOMB GROUP. Col GRAFF, Lt Col THOMPSON; Majors SNYDER, GEORGE, TAYLOR, plus Squadron Executive Officers.

449th BOMB GROUP. Lt Col RANDOLPH, FLEISCHER; Majors HARTON, ALLEN, and JORDAN and Squadron Executive Officers.

450th BOMB GROUP. Col GIDEON, PRICE, Major DONOVAN (New Group Ex. Off) Lt Col McWHORTER, Major ALEXANDER, Capt STEVENS, TAYLOR.

The inspection disclosed that the:-

a. Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, had not done anything to prepare for the inspection. The area around the HQ. building, stairs and hallways had bits of paper, thrash, etc., in fact the Hq Sq was in the by far the poorest condition of all the Squadrons.

b. 512th SQUADRON

All Departments were in exceptionally good condition although the personnel equipment store room was not in as good shape as the other departments. Major SNYDER is very enthusiastic.

c. 513th SQUADRON

Showed some improvement, but it still has a long, long ways to go. Major GEORGE has taken a great deal of interest in the Squadron and it is believed that he will get some life into it.

Squadron Engineering has moved into a new building and they have a nice clean compact set-up.

d. 514th SQUADRON

Many new buildings have improved a normally good Squadron. Major TAYLOR was enthusiastic. This is one of the top Squadrons in the Wing.



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CHIEF OF STAFF contd.

e. 515th SQUADRON

Major WIMBERLY (in Cairo). This Squadron has got to improve. It has a new Squadron Adjutant and Executive Officer which should help this Squadron.

All in all the 376th Bombardment Group (hv) has fallen off in general appearance the last two inspections.

The Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, the 513th Squadron and 515th Squadron lack pride...

A-1 SECTION

Col WARNER stated that Air Force was putting in a requisition for key personnel immediately. Also that they would contact AAF/WTC to see if they had key personnel on the way over.

We were also informed by Air Force that some officers had returned from DS in US, but have no knowledge whether this Wing has personnel included in this shipment. Col WARNER stated that a number of the officers have expressed their desire to return to ZI, but stated that they would have to complete their 50 missions.

Rotation papers on Lt Colonels BERGAMEYER and OSGOOD and Major FARNSWORTH were received at this Headquarters.

A-2 SECTION

Capt CURRY telephoned complaining of illegal disposition of lumber and other materials by members of the Infantry unit at 450th field as gifts to Italian civilians. Useable lumber among the objects being disposed of. Telephoned Lt Col PRICE, Ex Officer, 450th, with request he put a stop to the matter.

A-3 SECTION

Routine.

A-4 SECTION

A meeting of all Engineering Officers, both tactical and service, was held at Wing. Plans in regard to lowering AOC aircraft percentage were brought forward. Col SNEED, AFAD #52, CO, attended and problems were discussed.



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ORDNANCE

Secured an air compressor for the 515th Squadron of the 376th Group.

Conducting an inspection of the Ordnance Sections in the 450th Bomb Group.

Received request from Lt HART for 144 Flash Hiders to be used on "Mickey" ships. Informed Lt HART that a small supply was available at Depot No. 11 and that on the balance, will make a complete check on the availability in this Theater.

SIGNALS

Lt Col DOTY as directed by Col KYLE....."Got into the Saddle"... and has arranged with the 15th Air Force Service Command to, "loan", to each of our Groups one (1) each power unit 22.5 KVA, 110 Volts. These should be delivered within seven (7) days. These are Signal Corps generators for use with Ground Radar Stations. We may get Ground Radar Stations someday. (?)....

Capt TERRY represented the Signal Office at the 376th Bomb Group inspection.

Contacted Air Force on the use of "BIG FENCE" and Fighter fields when directed to use "C" channel in an emergency. With the new VHF change over we no longer carry "C" channel. Signal Officer, 15th Air Force advises that "BIG FENCE" will handle our calls on "A" channel and that all Fighter fields of the 15th Air Force will guard "A" channel and 6440 KCS for any emergency calls that they may be called on to handle for any of our aircraft.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND and Major BROTHER finished their investigation of Hepatitis cases at the 98th Bomb Gp today and are visiting the 376th Group tomorrow.

Capt BADAMI, MC was assigned to the 449th Bomb Group today as a replacement to Capt CAPLAN. Major PETTERSON came down this afternoon and the Captain went out to the Group with the Major.

Capt BYRNE and Lt BRYAN are still in the hospital.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv) /so

Wednesday
1 November 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col KYLE inspecting the 376th Bomb Group today, 2 November 44, commencing at 0930 hours.

ADJUTANT

Col PATTISON, Air Force Defense Officer informs us we are to furnish a Detachment of 90 to 100 men from the 909th Air Base Security Bn for the Depot at GIOIA. This will leave sufficient personnel for a Detachment of 65 to 70 men on each of our Air Bases. Major GARRISON is leaving for GIOIA and Bari today to work out the details.

A-1 SECTION

Major NUGENT has been placed on DS with the 5th ARMY for 7 days.

Air Force assigned 1st Lt ECKMER to 98th Group and 1st Lt MENNIS to 376th Bomb Group (both Statistical Officers). This is supposed to be a temporary assignment. Lt MENNIS has been brought to the Wing HQ. on DS to take Capt BYRNE's place during his hospitalization.

The Wing Commander made presentations of decorations in the Groups today in commemoration of the 1st anniversary of establishment of the 15th Air Force.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to all Groups concerning specialized interrogation of PFF Navigators following missions on which they are used, outlining a list of suggested questions which should be answered. Coordinated this with Capt SJOBERG, Asst A-3.

Forwarded captured German obliques of marshalling yard damage in PLOESTI to 98th Bomb Group for study. Only one set available in the Wing, and it will be sent each Group in turn.

A ruling received from IS-9, British Agency responsible for Escape purses and kits, to the effect that crew members must reimburse government for escape money spent while in Allied-occupied territory -- such as at Ancona, where some crews have used purses for rations, etc.. after crash landing.

A-3 SECTION

Major NUGENT left for the 5th ARMY.

Lt EATON - Capt WARDWELL, 15th AF, desires Wing Personal Equipment Officer to attend Nov. 6th School. Electric clothing no longer issued automatically. Now being requisitioned through normal channels. Weekly reports to continue.

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Diary, 1 November 44,

A-3 SECTION contd.

PFF Status for possible mission tomorrow nite:

376th - 1 unmodified PFF for mission of tomorrow (Day).
2 and possibly 3 modified and ready for tomorrow nite
(Having trouble with exhaust collector rings burning out).

449th - 4 modified and ready for tomorrow nite.

450th - 1 a/c in Service Sq. for modification 3 and possibly 4 modified and ready for tomorrow nite.

98th - 1 a/c in Service Sq. for modification, 4 a/c modified and ready to go for tomorrow nite.

AERIAL TRAINING:

98th Group
2 a/c bombing

376th Group
2 a/c slow time
1 a/c Gioia

449th Group
28 a/c formation - 6½ hrs.
4 a/c bombing
5 a/c navigation
5 a/c on Night flight
3 a/c gunnery
3 a/c transition
1 - runway under construction

450th Group
1 a/c gunnery
8 a/c bombing
3 a/c navigation
4 a/c Test hops.

A-4 SECTION

The Italian building which is a flight hazard at the 98th is being removed.

Capt PERRY went to Air Force in Bari and conferr d with Col BOTHWELL, Deputy A-4.

This office informed all Group Engineering Officers of conference tomorrow with Col SNEED to be held at GIOIA.

SIGNALS

The Radio Beacon on the Isle of Vis is now in operation.
Call sign:- V.S. - Freq. 425 continuous

Lat 43.02 N. - Long. 16.10 E

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Diary, 1 November 44.

SURGEON

Col MURRAY, Trfd to 26th General Detachment of Patients.
Capt BYRNE and Lt BRYAN are still in the hospital.

Col COGLAND visited the 35th Field Hospital where he met Major BROTHER of the 15th Air Force. They visited the 98th Bomb Group to spend the night and go over the infectious hepatitis cases there.

Capt BADAMI, MC, reported today as replacement for Capt CAPLAN, MIA, from 449th Bomb Group.

CMS

MESS and BAR

Officer's Mess. We are now able to buy three hundred dollars of extra food at the Quartermaster each month, (Luncheon meats, cheese, sugar, juices, etc.,) and a "SNACK BAR" will be installed in the SW corner of the Mess Hall, which will permit Officers to have sandwiches in the afternoon and late evenings. This will be run on a "serve yourself" basis, an Italian being responsible that the food supply is maintained. Construction of Bar, awaits the completion of the Villa, and is next priority.

The stove situation is being temporarily held up due to lack of piping. We are working on this situation, and hope to have early results. Frag box liners, are hard to obtain at present.

Glass for the main Dining Room door, and several smaller windows, is a priority on the Squadron CO's list, and measurements are in his possession, and action should be forthcoming on this at once, the draft is getting quite noticeable.

Construction of a second toilet, for men only, will be started pending the availability of the plumber and workmen. It is a priority measure also. At the same time "winterization" of the Club, including the construction of a fireplace located on the South wall, midway between the game room, and the poker room, will be started.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

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31 October 1944
Tuesday

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF ) Routine duties.
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

Remember today is DEFENSE DAY, 1 Dec 44.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and stated that we would receive 50 crews at one time during November 44.

We were notified by Air Force that each mission will be listed on 66-1 or 66-2 and service records .... This will also include the date and place. Groups have been notified.

Col MURRAY, Wing Hq has been trfd to the Detachment of Patients, 26th General Hospital.

We called Air Force with reference to the promotion of Asst Intelligence Officers in the Squadrons. They said that they may be promoted utilizing the vacancy for Photo Interpreters for which there are no officers. A statement to the effect that Officer is an Asst. Intelligence Officer, utilizing this position vacancy is to be included on the recommendation form.

A-2 SECTION

Since the new Group T/O calls for Photo Intelligence Officers (8503) as Asst Squadron S-2's, this is operating to prevent promotion of 2nd Lt. combat intelligence officer (9301) who are functioning in this capacity. Photo interpreters are not and will not be available so requested A-1 to make some arrangement which would permit promotion of the men who are doing the job.

Distributed a special shipment of escape aids to all Groups.

Special Vienna flak density chart prepared by Lt GILMORE distributed to all Groups. High priority targets in this area have been located on the chart to facilitate analysis.

A-3 SECTION

Major ELLIOTT, duty officer.

TRAINING:
98th Group
1 a/c PFF - bomb range

376th Group
Closed Oct 30 and 31st for extensive repairs.



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Diary, 31st Oct 44.

A-3 SECTION contd.

TRAINING: contd.

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 1 a/c transition | 2 a/c navigation |
| 2 a/c orientation | 3 a/c test hops |
| 1 a/c high altitude test | 2 a/c bombing |

SIGNALS

Major YOUNG, A.F.S., visited Signal Office in connection with establishing a teleprinter line between Wing Weather Station and Navy Station at Taranto for exchange of weather information.

Installation of new interphone amplifiers was started today at the 449th Bomb Group. This is the first unit in the 15th Air Force to be equipped with these Amplifiers.

Capt HARTMAN visited and inspected the 449th Bomb Group Radar Shop.

ARMAMENT

Lt HART flew with Col KYLE in a ship belonging to 721st Squadron, 450th Bomb Group. All guns and turrets were tested and were found to be in fine shape.

Checked with Capt MAUS at 376th Bomb Group on the modification of B-10 shackles. They will start tomorrow.

Talked with Major CRUICE, Air Force, about our ships being neglected while on other fields. He wants a letter submitted when this happens, particularly when it's one of the 15th Air Force fields. On ships recently returned to us from other fields we have found it necessary to change all the guns because of rust.

Located nine (9) Bomb Sight Maintenance men, we are trying to "make a deal" for these boys.

SURGEON

Doctor Stokes, research consultant of the Surgeon General's Office has been here in regard to some experimental work on Hepatitis (Jaundice). This work will be instituted at the 98th Bomb Group and holds some considerable promise. An injection of a new plasma (human blood) derivative will be given to a certain number of cases as they develope the disease. An equal number will be used as controls. Cases will be evacuated by air transport to the 26th General Hospital for further observation. If this treatment proves effective, the duration of the illness will be markedly shortened and it might be used as a preventative if used prophylactically.



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SURGEON

A replacement for Capt CAPLAN, Flight Surgeon, 449th Bomb Group who was MIA will arrive in a few days.

Major HALL, Group Surgeon, 98th Bomb Group visited here in respect to construction of his new dispensary.

Lt BRYAN, Capt BYRNE, and Col MURRAY are still in the hospital.

C.W.S.

Inspected the 751st Chemical Company which is located between Mesagne and Torre, and find that this organization is really on the hall.

Major MOULTON who is in charge, and Capt SMITH his second in command have stocks up to proper levels and are completely cooperative with this Headquarters.

Secured two M-47 bombs for a static demonstration in the immediate future. More on this later.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

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Monday
30 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Detachment of 366th Infantry to be relieved from this Command, 0700 hours, 1 November 1944. Arrangements completed with Major GARRISON to take over security of Manduria Base and this Headquarters when they leave. The following breakdown of the 909th Air Base Security Bn will be made effective 1 November 1944:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Company "A" | 3 - Officers | 100 - E.M. | GROTTAGLIE |
| Company "B" | 4 - Officers | 120 - E.M. | LECCE |
| Hq Service Co. | 3 - Officers | 100 - E.M. | SAN PANCRAZIO |
| Hq Detachment | 7 - Officers | 90 - E.M. | MANDURIA |

A-1 SECTION

Lt Colonel CASSELL and Lt WILKES visited the 98th Bomb Gp and found that they were unhappy about the complete reverse decision made by Air Force in awarding the Distinguished Flying Cross after completion of fifty (50) missions.

a. The problem of rotation was again discussed at each Squadron visited.

b. It was found that replacements for four (4) officers rotated as far back as 11 May 1944 has not been received. This will be checked to see if replacements for these officers will be received.

c. Checked classification records and found all Squadrons in good condition with the exception of one. This was brought to the attention of all concerned for corrective action.

A 1st Lt. GERALD MURRAY of the 82d Fighter Group reported to the 449th Bomb Group for interview. He will be transferred to that Group. He is a grounded Bombardier and it is planned to use him as an Armament Officer.

Air Force called and checked on the status of the Mobile Training Unit on DS to this Wing. We checked and reported to Air Force that it consisted of one (1) officer and five (5) enlisted men and that they are on TD to this Theater from the States. They are assigned to 15th Air Force at present and on DS to this Wing. They are going to all of our Groups in turn.

We furnished Air Force a negative report in reference to their request for an officer as a Yugoslav attache.

Checked with Air Force on the status of Capt BROWN who is on TD in Zone of Interior attending Gunnery School. Air Force said he is due to return shortly. We notified the 376th Bomb Group.



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Diary, 30 Oct 44,

A-2 SECTION

Capt CURRY, CO, 1052d Military Police, telephoned that local police in a nearby town had requested M.P. aid in getting four (4) prisoners to Manduria. They had been arrested after a political demonstration, and the local populace would not allow the police to move them. Advised Capt CURRY military authorities can move in only when local government breaks down and martial law becomes necessary. We kept hands off in this case.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARREN: Wing is running bomb damage test for Air Force. Gunnery range will be used for all kinds of bombs on October 31, 44. Ordnance will measure craters, etc...

Maj ELLIOTT: Inspected a PFF ship of 450th Group to see about the installation of the GEE box in the nose - not suitable as it is. Col. DE ARMOND of 15th Air Force came down for a demonstration and inspection of the GEE trainer at the 450th Group with Colonel DOTY.

Maj NUGENT set up plans for dropping bombs for Ordnance tests.

Capt GRIMMER: On 26 Oct 1944 held weekly meeting on Training Aids and Needs with Maj ELLIOTT, Major NUGENT and Capt VON NOY.

Lt EATON: Inspected 449th Personal Equipment and Air/Sea Rescue facilities. Inspected 47th Wing Headquarters Parachutes.

AERIAL TRAINING:

98th Group
4 a/c #4 bomb range
3 a/c formation & instrument
2 a/c calibration
3 a/c transition
6 a/c transition
1 a/c PFF altitude check
2 a/c night training

449th Group
4 a/c gunnery range
5 a/c bombing range
2 a/c transition
3 a/c PFF high altitude and dry runs
3 a/c formation
1 a/c X-country.

376th Group

Airdrome closed 30 and 31st October for extensive repairs.

450th Group
24 a/c formation
4 a/c gunnery range
4 a/c bombing range
1 a/c X-country



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Diary, 30 Oct 44.

A-4 SECTION

This office made the necessary arrangements to have an Italian building removed, which is a flight hazard at the 98th Bomb Group. The building stands directly in line with the south end of the runway and hampers operations at that field.

This office made arrangements with Lt MERCER, 331st welding shop to furnish the men to set up stoves in Officers' Mess Hall.

Made necessary arrangements to complete training building at 449th with Engineers.

Completed arrangements with Air Force for Aid Station at 449th and work will start immediately.

Having meeting today with all Group Engineer Officers in order to cut down AOC's and discuss methods of streamlining engineering sections if possible.

SIGNALS

Submitted list of necessary electrical material needed for General's "VILLA" to Commanding Officer, Hq & Hq Sq 47th Wing.

VHF crystal frequency change over takes place at 2400 hours 30 October New set-up is as follows:

Channels: A - 15th Air Force Common.
B- Group Frequency (separate frequency for each Group).
C - 47th Wing Frequency
D - Air-Sea-Rescue - Distress Calls.

NOTE: When changes are complete, Towers of this Wing will guard:
VHF Channel A - 15th Air Force Common
VHF Channel B - Group Frequency.
HF 6440 KCS.

Col DE ARMOND and Major THORPE, Signals Officers, 15th Air Force and Lt Col REINHARDT, Operational Engineer 15th Air Force came down and inspected new H2X ship with "GEE" installation. Lt Col REINHARDT will arrange to modify the present ships we have and new ships assigned to this Wing so that the GEE equipment can be used.

Col DE ARMOND expects to receive some new American H2X Training Units in the near future and has promised this Headquarters the first one that arrives. PS:- We have a power unit for its operation..

Capt HARTMAN visited and inspected the 98th Bomb Group radar shop.



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Diary, 30 Oct 44.

ORDNANCE

Requested from A ir Force ammunition expenditure authority to expend for training of units of this Wing during coming three months the following items:

930,000 rounds, .50 cal. APT (4-1) ammunition
140,000 clay pidgeons
100,000 rounds, shell, 12 guage
4,000 Bombs, 100 lb, M38A2, practice.

Inspecting the 449th Bomb Group Ordnance Sections.

A meeting of all Ordnance Officers will be held tomorrow at the 98th Bomb Group and in conjunction with same a tour of inspection will be conducted.

Arranged all the necessary details for the Ordnance Section of 15th Air Force to conduct Bomb damage test on the Wing's Bombing Range. Major NUGENT, Wing Bombardier, has voiced his interest and will try to be present at the tests. It is proposed to drop

36 - 500 lb. bombs with various time fuzing
6 - 100 lb. M47. thin cased incendiary bombs.
6 - 100 lb white phosphorous bombs
6 - 500 lb. Aimable incendiary bombs.

SURGEON:

Lt BRYAN is still at the 35th Field Hospital.

Col MURRAY and Capt BYRNE are still at the 26th General Hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv) /so

Sunday
29 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called for an officer below the grade of Capt who has been barred from high altitude flying for interview (Combat Crew Section). They asked for one who was far from finishing his tour. He will continue, flying, but not high altitude. We reported a 2d Lt HOWELL of 98th Group as desiring this assignment.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS to Manduria at request of Capt CURRY, M. P. Co., to investigate a reported anti-Allied riot. The affair was a rather tumultous Liberal-Communist political meeting. The speaker, who had been held for questioning, was released.

Major MASKELYNE, Br., returned to Bari after speaking at the Daily news meeting.

Requested censorship clearance from 15th Air Force which would permit members of this command to mail home copies of the "One Year in Italy" issue of the Bomb Blast.

A-3 SECTION

Major ELLIOTT: Routine. Duty Officer.

AERIAL TRAINING

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 1 a/c bomb range #4 | 2 a/c slow time |
| **449th Group** | **450th Group** |
| Trying to find some aircraft. | 4 a/c bomb range #3<br>3 a/c instruments<br>2 a/c gunnery |

Col WARDEN:- Following is status of PFF modification.

376th - 2 complete - 1 underway - 2 to go.
450th - 5 complete - 1 under way
449th - 4 complete - 1 underway - 2 to go.
98th - 2 complete - 1 underway - 2 to go.

Requested Groups recommend S.O.P. for new VHF channel monitoring (B becomes Group frequency, C becomes Wing).

DIARY, 29 Oct 44.

C.W.S.

OFFICERS' MESS and BAR

The present market price on eggs in this area is twenty-two (22¢) each and for that reason it is necessary to change the number of egg tickets from six for one dollar to five for one dollar. Effective immediately.

The two stoves for the Mess Hall are due to be installed at once. Arrangements are being made for the measuring of pipe necessary to construct chimneys, and the installation of the gasoline tanks on the outside of the building.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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D A I L Y  D I A R Y

28 October 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

~~Routine duties~~ (See page 2 & 3).

ADJUTANT

Col YANTIS H. TAYLOR, Commanding Officer, 306th Wing stopped by to see the General. He remained for lunch and then departed.

Information received that the 366th Infantry Regiment is to be transferred from the 15th Air Force at an early date and that all units employing detachments of this regiment will make plans to establish adequate guards without outside assistance. This will effect only the 450th Group and the Headquarters guard. It will be necessary to split the 909th up into yet another detachment to furnish security guard for the 450th. Will work out the details with the 450th and the 909th. In the meantime an attempt will be made to secure additional personnel from Air Force.

Another Hq vehicle wrecked beyond repair. It is to be salvaged. Lt Cooper investigating.

A-1 SECTION

Sixteen (16) crews reported in and assigned as follows: 5 to 98th Gp, 5 to 376th Gp, 4 to 449th Gp and 2 to 450th Gp.

Lt Saunders transferred from Wing Hq to 98th Gp and will possibly attend the next Personal Equipment Officer's class at Bari.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

AERIAL TRAINING

98th Group -
1 PFF T/O 1345, 27,000' down 1500.
7 a/c on A.S. Calibration
2 a/c transition 2 hrs.
1 a/c Range #4, 15,000 feet.

376th Group -
3 gunnery range
3 range #4
3 transition
3 altitude check flight

449th Group -
Field closed all A.M.
Opened in PM only to test ships.

450th Group -
12 A/C instruments
3 A/C bomb range.

Capt Sjoberg: Returned night of 26th - Visited all radar shops in all Wings of 15th AF to compare our facilities and maintenance with theirs. We should feel very proud of our Radar and shop facilities in this Wing.

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ORDNANCE

Attended Wing Ordnance Meeting at Air Force

Necessary arrangements made for sending four ambulances to Depot No. 8 as requested by Air Force.

Each of the groups is now equipped with enough flak suits to operate at maximum.

Made investigation as to the availability of target materiel for use in connection with small arms training program initiated in groups by Group Ordnance Officers. None of the materiel is available or will be made available, therefore, the groups will have to improvise from local stocks.

INSPECTION (ADMINISTRATIVE)

On 26 Oct/44 accompanied Lt Col Fraser, Hq 15th AF on inspection of Officers and Enlisted Men's clubs of 98th Bomb Gp in Lecce, and the Wing Pro Station. General condition of all installations was very satisfactory.

On 27 Oct/44 assisted Lt Col Fraser to audit funds and inspect Santa Cesarea Rest Camp.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Conducted an inspection of the Hq Sq and 331st area and find that men are well schooled from C.W.S. standpoint. Area are equipped for fire defense and both organizations are fully supplied with C.W.S. requirements.

Had intended to inspect 449th Group on this date but unable due to critical transportation shortage.

CHIEF OF STAFF Cont'd.

Spent Saturday at Hqs 15th AF and discussed the following:

1 a. Orientation officers and enlisted men are enroute for all units. Their readiness date was Oct 15th.

(1) No Special Service Officer's available.

b. Gen Mollison said that all mess hall floors should be concrete, It will be available and has first priority.

c. 22 B-24 Majors and Captains enroute.

d. NATOUSA regulations on promotions may-be rescinded in the very near future.



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CHIEF OF STAFF Cont'd.

e. Told Col Warrner that he put Col Gassell on the spot on the DFC deal. The crews will get them, pilots almost automatically. (Another one of those China - man border crossing deals).

f. Athens after Nov 5th if the ---- ----- --- decide in our favor.

2. Had long talk with General Born about:

a. Additional A/C. We will get them instead of the depots holding them. (We get no nore PFF A/C for some time, as he says that we are practically out of the "Bombing Business").

b. Remote rendezvous, he liked the idea very much.

c. He will help us get power units for training, when I give him the dope. (Col Doty, Capt Perry and Capt Grimmer, lets have your survey now).

d. He boosted our training program, records, charts ~~and~~ etc, especially our PFF and lead A/C.

e. 376th last Group citation will be disapproved.

3. The Hq 15th AF is a great booster of the 47th Wing: OK, lets really show'em something, as we haven't started yet.

"Get into the Saddle"

A-2 SECTION

Maj Maskelyne, British, spoke on escape and evasion at 450th Bomb Gp. He has made four addresses at each Group in the Wing, reaching almost all combat crew members.

Capt Cawse-Morgon to Bari to check on availability of additional escape aids.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (Hv)

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Friday
27 October 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Received correspondence from Air Force which stated that AAF/MTO has approved all of our Groups exclusive of Wing Headquarters for battle star on Southern France mission.

Major LINDLEY has been awarded the Bronze Star. General Orders have been forwarded through channels.

Rotation rosters for November increment were forwarded to Air Force today.

Checked on rotation with Air Force today and find that the following organizations have personnel with over 24 months overseas:

| | |
|---|---|
| 47th Wing - | 583 |
| 5th Wing - | 1162 |
| Fighter Command - | 2587 |
| Service Command - | 2750 |
| Total..... | 7082 |

out of this total the following are being returned to U. S. A.

| | |
|---|---|
| 28 - | 47th Wing |
| 55 - | 5th Wing |
| 122 - | Fighter Command |
| 129 - | Service Command |
| 334 - | Total. |

Air Force has been cut down a total of 2.

Lt WILKES made an inspection and checked on personnel accounting system at the 716th and 717th Squadrons of the 449th Bomb Group today. Other organizations will be covered in the near future.

A-2 SECTION

Major MASKELYNE, Br., talked on escape and evasion to combat crews of 376th Bomb Group. To 450th Bomb Group on Saturday, 28 Oct 44.

Copies of Fighter Group markings of 15th Fighter Command received from 449th Bomb Group. These will be reproduced and distributed to all other Groups.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN:- Requested each Group to draw up let down procedure for their field.



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Diary, 27 Oct 44.

A-3 SECTION contd.

Col WARNER contd.:- Requested each Group to report on tail flare marker - 15th Air Force has requested this.

New officers assigned to Groups as follows:-
Lt Col KEVAN - 98th Bomb Group
Major TAYLOR - 376th Bomb Group
Major LEGG - 450th Bomb Group
Major VAN ALLEN- 449th Bomb Group.

Major ELLIOTT:- A Tech. representative and a Signal Officer came down from 15th Air Force to inspect the GEE set-up in the B-24. Went over to the 450th with Col DOTY and discussed the possibility of moving the GEE set for better vision using the blister and making possible the use of the GEE box.

Lt FARRIS:- Capt KOHMESCHER, Group bombardier of the 449th Group was in office today. He had been visiting the 450th this afternoon to look over that Groups' bombing sections.

AERIAL TRAINING:-

All fields were closed today. Training. Nil.

A-4 SECTION

The 376th, 449th and the 450th are going to use 50 gallon drums, painted white to mark the culverts on the taxi strips. It is not necessary at the 98th as they have an internal drainage system.

Sufficient cots to take care of all the anticipated additional combat crews are to be available about the 7th November 44. They are being shipped by rail from a great distance that will require at least a week to get them to the Depot.

ORDNANCE

The inspection of the 376th Bomb Group Ordnance Sections was completed today.

Each of the Groups is requested to surrender one of their best ambulances.

SIGNAL

Capt VAN DERRIPE, Signal Inspector, 15th Air Force completed his inspection of Signal Records at Wing Headquarters and all Groups.

Called Col D'ARMOND, Signal Officer, 15th Air Force and registered a complaint on the poor installation of GEE equipment in the new modified H2X ships, and the VHF indicator lamp installation. Capt HENZEL and Mr. Fitzgerald came down from 15th Air Force and checked on the above comp-



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SIGNAL contd.

laints. Both were surprised at the poor installations. They departed for the GIOIA DEPOT to check on these modifications and will report to this Headquarters their findings.

Capt HARTMAN and Captain SJOBERG spent 4 days visiting the Radar Officers of all other Wings and 7 Group Radar Shops. Effort was made to learn any tricks of the trade that we might profit by, but their observation showed that we have the best Radar Shops and a more rigid record system. Observation showed also that we have our share of spare parts. Personnel shortages are about the same everywhere. The 47th Wing has been favored with more RCM equipment than other Wings.

Some people are appropriating light bulbs from Offices, either for their own personal use or as replacements for burned out fixtures in their own offices. Such practice only makes an inconvenience to the person who is, without notice, left in the dark. Three complaints of this nature have been registered by Officers and Tech Representatives situated in Signal building.

a. This should be brought to the attention of every man working in this headquarters.

INSPECTION

Completed study on flak damage to oxygen system for 15th Air Force Operational Engineering.

Flight legs and fuel consumption figures on additional modified radar ships look much more promising. To date four have been test hopped. The first two showed very poor characteristics. The last two had no appreciable increase in fuel consumption and no change in flight characteristics except that they were a little sluggish on "take off". Because of the better characteristics of the last two, additional checks have been requested on the first two.

At verbal request of Col HEIM, Air Maintenance, 15th Air Force Service Comd, made survey of Groups as to their opinion of fuel cells repaired at Depot 5. Notified him over the phone that there were no specific complaints, except of those that were probably damaged in transit.

Continued study of overhauled engines.

SURGEON

A part of the 35th Field Hospital is moving to SENGALIA, in about 2 weeks time. It will be established with 100 beds and personnel qualified to handle almost any emergency. It will be used to handle wounded returning crewmen in ships landing at Ancona, Falconarea, Iesi, Fono or vicinity.

A flight Surgeon replacement for Capt CAPLAN, 449th Bomb Group, MIA has appeared on orders and should be here presently.

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SURGEON contd.

The material with which the Engineers were to build dispensaries at each Field has been made available to Groups if they wish to use it and construct the buildings themselves. The 449th has requisitioned same and the 98th have been requested to begin theirs as the 3rd Platoon, 35th Field Hospital will be moved out as soon as the Group has some facilities of its own.

Col MURRAY and Capt BYRNE are at the 26th General Hospital. Lt BRIAN is at the 35th Field Hospital. He is not receiving visitors.

CWS

Checked the 98th Group on this date, and ascertained that from a Chemical Warfare standpoint, this Group is in excellent condition. The Group Gas Officer, Capt BENHAM, and myself went over the entire setup and I am satisfied that we have an alert and intelligent officer, handling the duties of Group Gas Officer.

The various areas are supplied with Gas Alarms, with signs denoting same. Detctor paint is visible thruout the entire Headquarters and Group areas. Monthly inspections (on D-Day) are made of all C.W.S. equipment, shortages are promptly filled, as men are sent directly from the formation to the supply tent, when a shortage is noted.

Masks are worn by all personnel for a ½ hour period each month.

Capt BENHAM, was very much interested in the new supply of smoke pots which we were able to obtain for this month's "D DAY", and will pick up an adquate amount for all Squadrons at once. I recommended that he not use actual gas in his "D DAY" demonstrations, as there are too many Italian personnel, both civilian and military, located on this post.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY /so

Thursday
26 October 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

I will spend Saturday, October 28 1944 at Bari attending a "Special" General Court-Martial. Will leave early saturday morning.

ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

We received ten (10) crews from GIOIA today and they were assigned as follows:

6 - 98th Group
2 - 376th Group
2 - 449th Group.

We are getting 16 crews from 22d Replacement Bn, 28 October 44. Our crew average is now 81.3% and with the assignment of crews on the 28th it will be 85.25%. It is believed that if bad weather sets in and we have few missions, we may be well over 100 crews per Group by December 31, 1944. Groups have advised to make necessary arrangements to accomodate this number of crews.

We are getting numerous repercussions from the Groups reference to the complete reversal of Air Force Policy on Awards and Decorations.

A-2 SECTION

Copy of "Pathfinder Operator's Target Information File," a loose-leaf collection of PFF data, received from 15th Air Force. Lt Col HEADRICK reports 20 copies per Group and 20 for Wing HQ. will be provided within the next few days. Distribution of maps, etc., will be through A-2 channels, and operators will be responsible for keeping their own books up to date.

Major MASKELYNE, British, spoke to combat crews at 98th Group on escape and evasion.

Additional information on escape and evasion conditions in Czechoslovakia requested from Air Force.

A-3 SECTION

Lt FARRIS: 25 Oct. Accompanied Capt ENGELSTEIN, new Group Bombardier of 98th Group, on an informal inspection of the Group and Squadron Bombing Sections of the 449th Group. Major MUNDEE, 376th Bombardier, also was visiting the 449th today. This visit was suggested in the last Bombing Section Inspection Report submitted.

AERIAL TRAINING

98th Group
None.

376th Group
None, A/D closed.

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A-3 SECTION contd.

449th Group
None, A/D closed.

450th Group
10 a/c instrument flight, 3 hrs.
2 a/c GEE flights
4 a/c transition flights.

A-4 SECTION

-Nil.

ORDNANCE

Nil.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND returned from Air Force today.
Col MURRAY, Capt BYARD, and Lt BRYAN are still in the hospital.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Checked the 62d Service Group today, and ascertained that they are checking all properties such as Decontamination Trucks, supplies of a CWS nature, and physical items such as gas alarms and clothing decontaminating outfits, in excellent shape. It so happens that we are short a few Decon Trucks, but they have been on requisition for quite some time.

The difficulty in replacement of this piece of equipment is that the only type available at present is the M-4, which differs from the M3a1 (which our HQ Sq has in service) in that the M-4 is only a tank and pump outfit, mounted on a two and one half ton, chasis. They serve quite satisfactorily under ordinary circumstances, but for some reason in transit overseas, they have sprung leaks, and are generally unserviceable at present. We are making loud demands for action in this particular situation.

Also determined that for the FIRST time, we will have sufficient large smoke pots, for each and every Group, in the Wing, for DEFENSE DAY. Also ample gas grenades are available for use at this time. Trouble in this case being, that we are short on CN grenades (tear) and may have to use CN-DM grenades, which would work fine IF the men had their mask on promptly! The areas must be "selected", so as not to interfere with operations, and switch-board communications, as the CN-DM is highly irritant!

MESS and BAR:

Attention is called to the fact that the monthly liquor ration is available. It is hoped that all Officers who have not purchased their bottle will do so at once, as tomorrow night at the Dance 10 bottles will go on sale at the bar. It will be difficult for the Mess Officer to decide what brands to dispose at this dance, if all men have not drawn their "brands".

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (Hv) /so

Wednesday
25 October 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF:

The inspection of the 449th Bombardment Group (hv) disclosed that:

a. There is still a great deal of room for improvement in general cleanliness, winterization, and pride.

716th Squadron: was in excellent shape, every Department was neat, clean, and orderly. This Squadron has a great deal of pride, which is readily felt when you enter their area, everyone is eager, alert and raring to go.

Major Charles E. Harton - CO
Major H. O. Fichte - Executive Officer have done a superior job in making this Squadron one of the leading Squadrons in the entire Wing.

717th Squadron: was in terrible shape, they are behind in winterization, their personnel equipment was in poor condition. This Squadron lacks pride and could use a good snappy CO and Executive Off.

718th Squadron: was in fairly good shape and showed improvement over the last inspection. Although their tent area was in poor condition, especially the tents. Capt Jordan has a great deal of energy, pep, and is alert to the Squadron's needs. He made many notes during the inspections of the other Squadrons. I think that we've got a real live wire in this officer.

719th Squadron: is improving and when Major Laughran remains in the Squadron longer this unit will improve as he seems to be anxious to improve the Squadron in every way possible.
Major Babedeau, Squadron Executive is no "ball of fire" and should be replaced with a younger, more alert Squadron Executive Officer.

Group Headquarters Mess has an excellent idea for head-count; beside each place is a metal disc, which the waiter picks up when the guest is served.

Capt GRIMMER tells me that the Group Training is held up due to lack of power units. SO.... Col Doty, Capt Perry and Capt Grimmer are hereby charged to get into the Saddle. We are not going to let anything interfere with training. Here are three (3) things I want:

1. Survey the Groups as to what they have and what they need.

2. Locate power units, Italian transformers or DC converters.

3. To know who I must see to get these gadgets.

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Diary, 25 Oct 44

ADJUTANT:

Major BURRIS transferred to 98th Bomb Group as Squadron Executive Officer. Capt BASON transferred to Headquarters Squadron and is to assume command thereof.

All Group Commanders; Deputy Group Commanders; Group Executives; Commanding Officers 62d Service Group; 909th Air Base Security Bn; and 1052d Military Police Co invited to attend the Wing Party, 28 [redacted] 1944.
OCTOBER

The following is a tentative schedule of presentation of Awards and Decorations to all Groups of this command by the Wing Commander, 1 November 1944.

449th Bomb Group - 0900 hours
450th Bomb Group - 1030 hours
376th Bomb Group - 1400 hours
98th Bomb Group - 1600 hours.

A-1 SECTION:

We are getting ten (10) crews from GIOIA del COLLE tomorrow. They are being picked up by truck.

Air Force requested a 1st Lt. or Capt with Engineering background for duty with A-3 Section of Air Force, since we did not find an officer, who has finished his tour or about to finish, we rendered a negative reply.

We are submitting all of our units for 2 Battle Stars for the Italian campaign as authorized in MATOUSA letter just received. Units stationed in Italy after 15 August 44 will be eligible for just one star known as the "ROME-ARNO ZONE". The other is the "FOGGIA-NAPLES ZONE".

A-2 SECTION:

Major MASKELYNE British, spoke to combat crews of 449th Group at 4 sessions today. He will be with the 98th Group on Thursday.

TWX to all Groups outlining the information on Battle damage desired by A-3. This data will be telephoned to Wing as part of the mission report.

A-3 SECTION:

Capt Grimmer: Lt Col KEVAN will inaugurate the 47th Wing Educational Program - Friday October 27th, 1000 hrs. in the War Room. Col KEVAN has spent the past 3 years specializing in Aerial Gunnery. His talk should be of great interest to the members of this headquarters. Attendance of all officers is urged.

Postponed to a future date. vo Coldwarren 30.

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Diary, 25 Oct 44, Wednesday

A-3 SECTION: contd.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th Group
18 a/c practice mission
2 a/c PFF to destroyer.

Field closed 1200 - 1600 hrs.

376th Group
Field closed until 1200 hrs.
18 a/c practice mission
14 a/c [redacted] Gunnery.
6 a/c #4 bomb range.
2 a/c cross country flights
2 a/c instrument flight
3 a/c PFF missions.

449th Group
27 a/c practice mission
4 a/c navigational flights
2 a/c bomb range #3
4 a/c cross country
2 a/c calibration
3 a/c transition
2 a/c gunnery

450th Group
10 a/c instruments
4 a/c gunnery
4 a/c bombing
2 a/c GEE flights - Local
2 a/c calibration
18 a/c practice mission
2 a/c cross country.

A-4 SECTION:

Another shipment of whiskey has been received and each Group picked up their allotment today.

Contacted 62d Quartermaster in regard to stoves. They will be available the 26th or the 27th and all offices should have one in the next few days.

ORDNANCE:

Completed inspection of the Ordnance Sections at the 98th Group, found everything in excellent shape.

Contacted all of the Groups and requested that the shotguns be detailed stripped and inspected.

SURGEON:

Major HALL called about setting up his Group Aid Station as the Platoon of the 35th Field Hospital in Lecce is being moved in the near future.

Col COGLAND went to Air Force this afternoon. He took Col MURRAY to the 26th General Hospital. Col MURRAY will be in for an unknown time.

Lt BRYAN, Capt BYRNE, and Col MURRAY are in the hospital.

CWS

MESS and BAR

The new liquor ration is available to all regularly assigned and attached Wing HQ officers. The hours of purchase are between 1700 hrs and 1900 hrs. daily, the method of selection is lottery type drawing. This gives the late comers an equal chance to draw a favorite brand of Whiskey.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv) /so

Tuesday
24 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF:-

Capt GRIMMER and I flew a 450th- B-24 on the practice mission and from what we saw of it, I am convinced that we should use that method of "Rendy" on all long missions.

Inspection...of the 449th Bomb Group begins at 1000 hours today, 25 Oct 44.

ADJUTANT:- ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION:-

Lt EATON reported in today from the 449th Group and assigned to the A-3 Section.

Lt GNAGNARELLI attended the Awards and Decorations meeting held at Air Force today. The policy as quoted by Col WARNER at the recent meeting held at Wing has been changed. Pilots are the only ones who may be recommended on a "40" mission basis. Navigators and Bombardiers may be considered if their tour has indicated outstanding performance. Crewmen will be as heretofore. Air Force does not want any blanket citations and no more crew citations.

Received a TWX and 3 telephone calls on ground exchange of personnel with the 5th ARMY. The next exchange will be 1 November instead of 25 October and all officers are to remain until that time, except Major MAUZ of Hq 4th Corps Area who is to report to AF tomorrow morning (25 Oct) at 0800 hours. Maj MAUZ was notified. 376th Group will furnish him transportation.

A-2 SECTION:-

Major MASKELYNE, British, arrived to begin a series of talks on escape and evasion to combat crews of the Wing. He will spend Wednesday at the 449th Bomb Group.

Conducted weekly operations conference.

A-3 SECTION:-

Col WARREN: Lt Eaton of the 449th reported for duty. He will be Air/Sea Rescue Officer.

Scouted remote rendy practice - it worked out very well and all Groups approve and like it.

Maj ELLIOTT: Scouted formation this AM at Vis, recorded the weather and the manner it was carried - very satisfactorily executed. Had an interview with Capt BROWN, 450th Group Bombardier.



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Diary, 24 Oct 44.

A-3 SECTION:- contd.

TRAINING:-

98th Group
14 a/c practice mission
3 a/c PFF, destroyer and dry run on Lecce.
8 a/c Gunnery range.

449th Group
2 a/c PFF #3 bomb range
1 a/c PFF dry run on Lecce.
4 a/c #3 bombing range
23 a/c practice mission

376th Group
4 a/c gunnery range
18 a/c practice mission
4 a/c #4 bombing range
3 a/c C-1 check

450th Group
18 a/c practice mission
5 a/c instruments
3 a/c calibration - instruments
4 a/c gunnery
8 a/c bomb range
3 a/c transition flights
4 a/c PFF - destroyer.

ADDITION: Col Warren - Col GRAFF requests assignment of Major TAYLOR.

Col ROGERS says ATHENS, GREECE trip out for next ten days then he will try again.

OTHER SECTIONS:-

Nil.

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APO 520

23 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Maj R. E. Smith appointed CO, 837th Engineers Bn (AV), he is also Wing Engineer Officer.

ADJUTANT

Capt Van Deripe, Asst Signal Officer, 15th AF reported in. He is to conduct an inspection of Signal publications in all units of this command.

Directive received from MAAF that Royal Yugoslav Air Force personnel will not be returned to the USA on DS unless they are American citizens.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and said to hold up on the blanket recommendations of DFC's on personnel with 50 missions. They are holding a meeting of Wing AD representatives tomorrow at 1000 hours. Lt Gnagnarelli will attend.

Received rotation quota for the November increment today. It is very meager. 13 for permanent change and 15 for temporary duty in US and return to this theatre. Supplemental list of 4 for permanent change and 5 for temporary duty will be submitted. It was pro-rated to groups, the bulk of the quota going to the 98th group.

Air Force also stated furing a telephone conversation that a "new policy" in forthcoming on battle participation stars on the Italian campaign. As i t is now, as a new unit enters the theatre, it is automatically placed on an eligible list for future publishing by Natousa. The 449th group requested a battle star in April and has never been awarded authority. We called AF about it, and they stated the above, about new policy.

Received call from AF and they stated that it would be necessary to carry Col Gray on our books as AAF/MTO has no T/O for additional personnel.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to 15th AF requesting system be instituted to screen target materials being forwarded to this Headquarterw. A recent check showed 81 of 93 British Air Ministry illustrations were for targets more than 800 miles distant.

Requested 449th to forward several examples of the target and approach "blowups" used by that group for briefings. These are to be sent to 15th AF for reproduction and distribution to all units of this air force.



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A-3 SECTION

AERIAL TRAINING

98th Gp - 2 A/C PFF - Destroyer Range
2 A/C test hops - and B.R.#4

376th Gp - No Air training
ASR lecture for new crews
Arm. and Eng lecture

449th Gp- 1 A/C PFF Bomb mission
1 A/C PFF navigation mission for 2 nav.
2 A/C transition flights
2 A/C emergency procedure for new crews
2 A/C visual bombing missions

450th Gp- 1 A/C navigation
1 A/C transition
1 A/C PFF mission
1 A/C Bomb Range#3
1 A/C High alt test hop.

Capt Von Noy: Contacted Lt Poland Navy House, Taranto, re Power boat for PFF Destroyer. Lt Poland informs me that there is no power boat available - suggested he try to find outboard motor - will let me know later the results. Made request that PFF target be moved to within 2 miles off coast. Boat now lying out about 4 to 5 miles making it difficult to make daily inspection. Only transportation now is row boat requiring better part of 5 hours (out and back). Impossible to mangage in rough weather. Lt Poland seems to think this target boat able to take more punishment than previous one as it is filled with cork. This PM will be at 98th to inspect new training building to house mock-up turrets - jam handy trainer and small armament training shed.

Maj Nugent: Interviewed Bombardier of 98th who has finished his 50 missions and desires to stay overhere. I wrote letter of recommendation for Sqdn. Bombardier leaving this theatre. Interviewed Capt Englestein, newly appointed Gp Bombardier of the 98th. Gave him schedule to tour other Gp bombing sections.

Col Warren: Cal Rogers says decision on Greece Trip is up to British and he will notify us Oct 24.
Transferred the B-25 'Honky Tonk' to 376th Gp.
Instructed all groups to run fuel consumption and service ceiling test on modified PFF ships.
Lt Eaton of 449th being assigned to A-3.
376th will have "carpet" ready in another week.

Capt Bason: Duty Officer.

A-4 SECTION

Contacted 62nd in regards to stoves, cots and tents. 600 stoves have been approved for this area. Sufficient amount of cots are available to meet our needs for the next few days. Sufficient amount of tents are also available to meet our needs.



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ORDNANCE

Contacted all of the group ordnance officers and instructed them to have all of the ordnance officers available at their posts to take care of any emergencies that may occur during todays' mission with the use of the long delay fuses.

Had the Bomb Disposal Officer destroy one 500 lb. bomb which was fused with a long delay fuze.

SURGEON

Routine duties

LT. ~~Capt~~ Bryan was admitted to the hospital today.

Capt Byrne is still in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE.

The USO show, "Funzafire", which was scheduled to tour this area 2 Nov. to 8 Nov. inclusive, has been cancelled. The stage production, "Room Service" has been substituted and will tour this area in the near furture. Further details will be published when available.

Capt MC Fadden attended the orientation meeting at the 376th Gp. The discussion groups are finally catching the interest of the personnel of our units, and with proper organization will develope in to a major program.

Made arrangements with Chaplain Flinn to address the Hq Sq Enlisted personnel on the meaning of democracy.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
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Sunday
22 October 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Status chart of enlisted personnel (showing overages and shortages) is now complete. Section heads are invited to come in and look it over.

Lt WILKES attended reclassification Board meeting at the 450th Bomb Group and approved some reclassification cases.

A-2 SECTION

12th Air Force advised a Major MCSHERRY, British, was available to speak to combat crews on escape and evasion techniques in which he is an expert. He will arrive Oberday evening and spend a day with each Group.

Major LAUZ, IV Corps artillery, Capt SMITH, 34th Division HQ. and Lt MARIN, Brazilian HQ. reported in from Fifth Army before proceeding to 450th Group.

Requested 12th Air Force for an official policy statement on allowance for credit for escape purse contents spent legitimately by crews forced landed at such places as ANCONA or ISTI. Several such have occurred recently, and it is the feeling of this section such should be allowed.

A-3 SECTION

Col WAGNER: Capt Staley and Major Elliott to Catania AAF. Interviewed 7 officers who have completed combat tours with view of placing them either here or at Air Force -- those can desired to remain overseas.

Mobile Training unit went to the 376th Group.

Capt VON-NOY: Contacted Lt LARSON, Crackling Tower, and inspected YYF Ship. Attempted to find power boat to make daily inspection at all towns within 20 miles of target ship. None could be located. Upon return to Wing contacted Capt MOYER, 62d Serv Gp to requisition small power boat. Received information to contact Ensign POLAND, Taranto - he may be able to help us out on this. Will see POLAND tomorrow, 23 Oct on this matter. Range safety officer reported in today and was dispatched to Crackling Tower for more instructions. Officer will be in charge of #4 Bomb range for next 4 weeks.

Major NUGENT, Lt FANCIS: Attended meeting of Armament and Bombsight maintenance personnel. Major NUGENT spoke to the men and told them



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A-3 SECTION contd.

some of the things that should be done toward eliminating malfunctions.

Major [illegible]: Conducted survey of 450th and will continue with same Group tomorrow.

AERIAL TRAINING:

98th Group
4 a/c night instruments
3 a/c PFF camera runs
12 a/c ship formation
6 a/c gunnery
3 a/c instrument
3 a/c inst. and formation

449th Group
15 a/c formation
7 a/c bombing
6 a/c gunnery
1 a/c on GEE
4 a/c calibration instruments
4 a/c transition

376th Group

No Training today - field closed to repair of runway.

450th Group
24 a/c formation
8 a/c bombing range #3
4 a/c GEE flight
4 a/c practiced instrument
4 a/c gunnery
3 a/c transition flight
1 a/c navigational flight
4 a/c night transition (1830 T/O - [illegible] 2130)

A-4 SECTION

The 98th Bomb Group is furnishing 2 trucks to go to Naples for 142 cases of liquor. They are reporting to the Wing at 0830, 23 Oct 44 for instructions and will report to destination at 1000 hrs the 24th Oct and should return in time for distribution to units the 24th.

The following notes were taken by T/Sgt Donald Hosey at the Armament meeting on matters pertaining to supplies:

a. All Groups reported unfilled requisitions as far back as June. I informed them to submit a letter through channels stating requisition number, date, nomenclature and stock number and Wing A-4 would take necessary action upon receiving same.

b. Modification on B-10 Bomb Shackles will increase need for more than the normal flow during the next few weeks.

c. Lt HART notified the Armament Officers that one (1) each per Group Sirens, Air Raid Warning, could be procured to be used in making a motor to drive an aircraft generator to produce 24 volts for training purposes in Group Armament training shop.

Lt HART also notified each SQ. that they would be authorized in the near future to have an additional 20 x 20 building as an Armament Training shop.

More Bazookas are needed by Groups to aleviate changing them on short notice when operations changes the lead ship at the last moment.



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INSPECTION

Armament:

An Armament meeting was held in the War Room of the headquarters of the 47th Wing on Sunday, 22 October 1944.

All the Groups were represented by their Group Armament Officer, Squadron Armament Officers, Bombsight officers, and Section heads and the Group Armament Inspector.

Representing the Wing was 1st Lt HART, Wing Armament Officer, 2nd Lt CROWDER, and M/Sgt Frischo, inspectors and also representatives from Wing Ordnance, A-4 and the Wing Bombardier's office.

The purpose of the meeting was to pass on data and information pertaining to modification of B-10 bomb shackles and preparing for winterization of Armament equipment. Among other subjects covered were personnel shortages in bombsight maintenance and possibilities of schooling armament men for this capacity; proper channels for requisitioning supplies; training of flying personnel in the proper use of bombing and gunnery equipment; importance of pre-flight checking of bombsight and intervelometer, especially on lead and deputy lead ships; proper maintenance and checking of intervelometer by use of "Dwell-meter" by trained personnel and the discussing of the possibilities of salvoeing of the ball turret in flight in case of engine trouble.

Lt HART has just completed the first week of a two week refresher course on bombsight and auto-pilot maintenance at the 11th Depot Repair Squadron (Training School), Bari, Italy. Course will be completed on Sat. 28 Oct 44 and Lt HART will return to his regular duties at that time.

ORDNANCE

The 449th and 450th Bomb Groups will receive in the next 2 days a total of 5 Jeeps. Each Group is authorized 59 Jeeps. The Status is as follows:

55 - 98th Group
55 - 376th Group
54 - 450th Group
53 - 449th Group

The Groups will receive also this week 4 ton trailers which will bring up to full strength of their TO/E. With the receipt of these vehicles the Groups will have 97% of their authorized strength.

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47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

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Saturday
21 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

15 crews, same as mentioned 20 Oct, were picked up at GIOIA. Their assignments were made as follows:

7 - 450th Group
3 - 449th Group
5 - 376th Group.

One Radar officer, 2nd Lt., and one EM reported and were further assigned to 376th Group.

B-24 Mobile Training Unit from England, consisting of 2 officers and 10 enlisted men, reported and were placed on further DS to 376th Group.

Lt WILKES, Classification Officer, called on 1052d M.P. Co. Found classification records there in fair shape and that they had complied with current NATOUSA directives pertaining to Service Records.

A-2 SECTION

In view of possibility, 47th Wing missions may approach advancing Russian front lines, complete list of check points on present line from NARSAW to GREECE furnished all Groups. This will be kept up to date as information is available.

Letter to all Groups advising as to change in PFF charts, with instructions to destroy a specified list of such.

Conducted special investigation of a set of newly arrived crews at request of 62d Service Group. Nothing derogatory revealed.

A-3 SECTION

Routine.

A-4 SECTION

Contacted Col SUMPTER, 15th AF, A-4 in regards to cots and tents. He informed me they had sent Col WHITE, 15th AF QM to S.O.S. to straighten the situation. Will have further information at end of week.

Contacted 62d QM in regard to stoves. Breakdown being made at Bari and around 500 will be in this area in 2 or 3 days.

Contacted Col FLEISCHER as requested and gave him the necessary information in regard to airdrome maintenance.

Lt KELLEY of the 723rd Sq, 450th Group has reported on DS with the

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A-4 SECTION:- contd.

Ordnance Section and will conduct 1000 round inspections.

Contacted all S-4's and informed them that they can now requisition salvaged canvas for Jeep covers and etc..

62d called and stated that 8 each KVA units will be available shortly for the units listed below. These were shortages listed in April Materiel Status report.

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| 1 ea 514th Squadron | 376th Group |
| 2 ea 415th Squadron | 98th Group |
| 1 ea 343rd Squadron | 98th Group |
| 1 ea 344th Squadron | 98th Group |
| 1 ea 345th Squadron | 98th Group |
| 2 ea HQ | 98th Group. |

Contacted Capt FROST, Manduria Air Base Engineer in regards to progress on Airdrome maintenance. There are 32 hard stands completed and in use on West side and 7 or 8 on East side.

62d called and stated 2 stoves for mess are ready at 331st Welding Shop.

Capt LEGGETT, Air Force, A-4 notified this office that the Wings' share of liquor on the next issue is 142 cases @ $24.00 per case ($3408.00) Money to be sent to Air Force HQ , 22 Oct 44.

Called Capt LECCER at XVAFSC, Griffin 154 in regards to additional covers needed for engines, turrets, and canopys. Gave him the information he requested. Engine covers needed 380, Nose turrets 27, tail turrets 37, top turrets 18.

Called Col BOYNELL in regards to clothing for Ordnance men who work on line. He requested we draw up letter and send through channels.

Made necessary arrangements to procure two (2) Power plants for searchlights to be used by A-3.

Called Major SMITH in regards to arrival of "C" Company. They are here and will start work immediately at GROTTAGLIE, on airfield maintenance.

SIGNAL

Lt Col DOTY and Capt HARTMAN visited and inspected the 450th Group. Radar Shop.

SURGEON

Lt HUNT has been released from the hospital.
Major GAVIN and Capt BYRNE are still in the hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil..



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47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

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Friday
20 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF:-

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT:-

ACC requests that we permit the harvesting of olives in orchards located in areas occupied by our units. Due care to be taken to insure no violation of security or loss of government property. Units notified.

A-1 SECTION:-

We are getting fifteen (15) crews from GIOIA tomorrow. They are being picked up by truck.

Although Major NUGENT was scheduled to visit the 5th ARMY on the 18 Oct 44, it was not possible and orders were cancelled. He will visit the 5th ARMY on 25th Oct 44.

Of the officers Air Force had called for on October 16th for interview at A-3 with a view to placing selected officers on DS with that Section, only 1st Lt HOLLER 450th Group was chosen. This is for duty as Flight control officer. Air Force wants him tomorrow morning, instead of waiting for orders. Group notified.

Air Force called for volunteer Navigator personnel, in grade of Captain or 1st Lt who have finished tour or grounded to report to A-3 training section on 22 or 23 Oct 44 for interview. Those selected are to be used as navigational instructors. Officers selected will be placed on DS, and at the end of a trial period if acceptable, will be transferred. Groups contacted in this matter.

Air Force called for estimate of requirements of entire Wing on key personnel up to 1 January 1945. Notified all Groups. We will report to Air Force by phone in the morning. (21 Oct 44).

Capt DAVIS transferred to 1261st Base Unit, North African Division, ATC, as of 16th Oct 44.

A meeting was held at Wing Headquarters on problems dealing with classification, reclassification, assignment and reassignment of personnel and reporting procedures on new AAF Form 127. All Group, Squadron Adjutants and all classification clerks attended.

A-2 SECTION:-

A-2, 15 AF telephoned that USSAFE has requested a report on battle damage with each mission report, but that actual instructions were being held up pending clarification of the definitions of various degrees of damage. Lt Col WARDEN already had taken this matter up



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A-2 SECTION:- contd.

with this section, but instructions to the Groups will be held up until notification from 15th Air Force.

A-3 SECTION:-

Capt GRIMMER, Capt Bergman in charge of B-24 mobile training unit arrive today. In report to 376th for 15 days, Unit will be assigned to this Wing for 60 days.

Night transition started 10/18 with 376th and 98th. Searchlights are being used as navigational aids, marking airdromes.

Tail radar devices for detecting a/c approaching from the rear was tested by 450th Group. Results unknown.

Capt SJOBERG: Flew with 450th Group for 3 hrs today.

Held meeting of all Mickey Navigators on 18 October 1944.

Lt [illegible]: Flew with 450th for 3 hrs today.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 36 a/c - 3 hours formation. | Nil. |
| 1 a/c - Bomb range. | |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 37 a/c 3 hrs formation | 5 a/c instrument flights |
| 4 a/c bomb range | 8 a/c #3 bomb range |
| 1 a/c gunnery range | 3 a/c cross country |
| 3 a/c test hops and compass check | 4 a/c gunnery range |
| 2 a/c PFF dry runs on Lecce | 1 a/c navigational flights. |

Capt VON ROY to gunnery range to arrange for inspections of target ship.

Searchlights are installed at all fields now.

Lt Col KEVAN, Majors LEGG, TAYLOR, and VAN ALLEN are completed with indoctrination in headquarters and will start 7 day tour of Groups 21 Oct 44.

A-4 SECTION:-

Summary of General Supply Meeting at 376th Bomb Group, 19 Oct 44.

1. QUARTERMASTER - Lt Stocksberry.

a. He advised that Col White, XV AFSC. QM was going to Naples to see about cots for new combat crews. Status will be known upon his return.

Diary, 20 Oct 44, Contd

A-4 SECTION:- Contd.

b. He advised that for units to draw tentage for new combat crews all that is required is a requisition stating number on hand and number required.

c. This QM's requisition for tent stoves was cut from 870 to 500 and units will be cut accordingly

d. Fuel oil may be requisitioned as of 1 November 1944 but not for heating quarters.

e. Typewriters may be salvaged and process takes about 10 days. Adriatic Depot issues certificate of salvage.

f. No replacements are available at this time for salvaged tentage. If unit cannot repair tent Adriatic Depot will do same.

g. To salvage burners for field ranges units must have a certificate from Ordnance S & M Co. Our QM is not authorized to carry any stock for Class II and IV property.

h. In order to effect the stopping of automatic issues of T/BA shortages units should so indicate on their monthly status report.

i. Advised units to watch basis of requisitions closer. There should be more statements of charges.

2. [illegible]:- Lt Trumby.

a. Advised that units were complaining about services without doing their part i.e., Cletrace sitting in unit motor pools for months till ordnance was advised that parts were needed.. It then took two (2) months to put 2 Cletrace into operation. Units must requisition their shortages.

b. Ordnance will make every effort to put all deadlined vehicles in operation.

Lt Stooksberry will contact Adriatic Depot regarding salvaged canvas for vehicle tops and notify Capt [illegible].

3. AIR CORPS SUPPLY:- Capt Woodbury.

a. Advised units to submit U.R.'s on unserviceable items shipped from depot as A.O.C. parts. This includes items sent from States as serviceable parts.

b. Capt PERRY advised that he had talked with Col SNEED 41 A.O.C. and he will try and obtain four (4) additional cowling per Squadron.

c. Capt PERRY will try and arrange a meeting of Tactical Engineering Officers with Colonel SNEED so problems could be presented to him.

Diary, 20 Oct 44

A-4 SECTION:- contd.

3. AIR CORPS SUPPLY:- contd.

d. Capt WOODBURY questioned the status of war weary aircraft at GIOIA. He advised that number of A.O.S., items would be cut down considerably if they would be used.

e. Authorization for additional O.S.E., equipment must come from MATOUSA (MATOUSA Circular No. 44.)

f. 376th Bomb Group S-4 will submit total Group requirements for night maintenance lighting.

4. SIGNAL:- Capt Skradski.

a. Advised that Signal Section is open 24 hours a day to take care of any emergency. If our signal section cannot supply items it is obtained from either Bari or Gioia.

b. Capt PERRY requested information on PE-52 power units. Was advised that issue was discontinued due to lack of spare parts.

c. Advised that there were plenty of flashlight batteries and bulbs available but flashlights are critical and a replacement must be turned in.

5. CORPS OF ENGINEER:- Capt Mover.

a. Advised all units of necessity of having requisitions prepared properly. Scales of accomodation and authority must be indicated.

b. Advised all units if they had any questions on any requisition to contact his office and he would endeavor to assist them.

c. Discussed MATOUSA Cir No. 44 and advised units to make their letters of request complete and self explanatory.

6. PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING:- Capt Mover.

a. All purchase request must be accompanied by a not in stock certificate.

7. Capt MURPHY, 376th Bomb Group, advised that units still needed crew chief stands. He was advised to submit a proposed sketch and this office w will endeavor to obtain the necessary materials.

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COMMAND:-

Pursuant our request Air Force is sending Capt [illegible], Bomb Disposal Officer, to give a lecture and show a number of training films on the dealings with unexploded bombs, mines, torpedoes, and other explosive missiles. This lecture will be given at the 93rd Bomb Group in conjunction with the weekly meeting of all Ordnance Officers of this Wing.

Each of the bases of this Wing are amply supplied with lumberjack slips.

INSPECTION:-

Completed inspection of Pathfinder ships. All such ships with S-1 autopilot are relatively new. The oldest in the wing has only 280 flying hours. All of them are in excellent condition for combat service.

Checked B-24 aircraft belonging to Wing Headquarters, for radio noise. Very definite ignition interference in Maxwell House and Insomnia. Traced trouble in "Maxwell House" to ignition of left engine; in "Insomnia" to left magneto of left engine. Advised cleaning of all mounting points for magnetos and harnesses, and additional bonding.

Continued routine inspection of 493th Group.

We have been called by Lt Col [illegible], Operational Engineering, 13th Air Force as to our desires relative to securing larger oil tanks. (42 Col.)

These would be of value in the following case. In probably 25% of the cases where ship has come in with feathered engine due to cylinder "blow by" and subsequent oil breathing, feathering might not have been necessary.

Under present operating conditions this would be the only advantage of increased oil capacity.

The following disadvantages are evident:

1. Weight of additional oil 67.5 gal 300#
2. Added weight of tanks approximately 40#

This additional weight will cause greater fuel consumption which right now is the deciding factor. Ships are forced down not by lack of oil but by fuel consumption. Also ships are already overloaded.

The time required to change these tanks would be at least two days per ship. During this time, of course, the ships would be grounded. The extra work required of maintenance personnel would result in a lowering of maintenance standards on all ships.

Disadvantages outweigh advantages.

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INSPECTION:- contd.

Completed compilation of figures for forthcoming mass inspection. 450th Group completed. Generally satisfactory.

723rd Squadron completed test on rathfinder equipped with flame suppressors. Equipped with flame suppressors gas consumption increased to 390 gal. per hour. Same ship test hopped minus suppressors averaged 290. Tests are being conducted in all Groups on this subject.

SIGNALS:-

Lt Col DOTY and Capt HARTMAN visited and inspected the Radar Shop at the 449th Bomb Group.

Referred to the Wing Engineering Section the condition of the engine noise, and lack of proper bonding on the headquarters B-25 aircraft. The VHF and Command Set reception on these ships is so poor due to the above conditions that they are next to useless.

SURGEON:-

Capt BYRNE was admitted to the hospital today.

Major GAVIN [redacted] are still in the hospital.

WEATHER STATION:;

A system of local weather reconnaissance has been devised after consulting A-3 Section commander, this headquarters, which will include the following:

a. The Group leading the Wing formation will dispatch a reconnaissance aircraft to report on conditions near bases and along first part of route that formations are to follow. These reports will be sent in to the Weather Section, this headquarters, at the earliest possible time by the Staff Weather Officers of the different Groups. The Weather Officer on duty at this Station will notify the A-3 Section of all reports of importance. All Group Weather Officers have been notified of this procedure.

b. The Weather Officer on duty at this headquarters will study the local weather carefully before each mission is ready to take-off and if there is any possibility of weather conditions interferring with take-off, assembly, climb or the earlier part of route he will notify the A-3 commander and an aircraft will be dispatched from this headquarters to ascertain conditions that may be expected. If possible a weather forecaster will participate in the flight from this headquarters to help in analyzing the situation and advising A-3 in possible ways of averting these unfavorable weather conditions.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

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Thursday
19 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Information received from Air Force that two (2) Balkan Air Force "Baltimore" Squadrons will not be based at either Manduria or Grottaglie

A-1 SECTION:-

Reference TWX from Air Force entry of an Officers appraisal required on 66-1 or 66-2, as a result of Officer's evaluation report now pending, must have concurrence of Air Force before it can be entered on officers records. Groups were notified.

Capt D'ACOSTA, Awards & Decorations, Air Force, called and stated that the 15th Air Force is celebrating it's first anniversary on 1 November 1944. He suggested that this be appropriately publicized by awarding decorations in the Groups on that day.

Air Force has given us authorization, to submit all personnel with 50 missions, who have not previously been awarded a D.F.C, on one recommendation, in order to clear out this category of cases within the Groups. This is a very liberal policy. Once this has been done, no other submissions should be considered, however any current cases of "50 mission level" will be submitted individually.

A-2 SECTION:-

Lt Col THOMAS spoke at weekly orientation meeting of 62d Service Group, Manduria.

1st Ind. to all Groups warning that crew members should advised that thoughless talk while a POW could mean a court martial, and forwarding copies of the MAAF Weekly article "And Still They Talk."

15th Air Force advised there was no objection to having combat crew personnel returning to the United States receive copies of obsolete target charts as personal souveniers. Such charts must first be declassified, however. This in response to request from 450th Group.

Conducted A-2 indoctrination for one Lt Col and 3 Majors, newly arrived flying personnel.



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A-3 SECTION:-

Capt GARNER - visited all Groups - inspected searchlights, units. Secured list of needed parts - all lights are serviceable and are available for use. However, some maintenance is required. Located PPF destroyer off shore, anchored at designated location. Everything is OK, tower was notified to clear bombing from 20,000 feet. 1 B-24 with special jamming equipment picked up from GHQAL and assigned to 450th Group. This Group now has 4 of these type ships.

Major ELLIOTT and A/C:- conference with key personnel on temporary duty at Wing Headquarters re navigation and bombing.

Capt BAKER:- talked with all Groups re list of names are submitted 4 names for Personal Equipment and Air/Sea Rescue School.

Capt VAN NUY:- called all Groups, completed survey of 137 new gunners re training received back in States, additional training needed now. This survey at request of Col HARPER. Called all Groups re greater effort in placing ships over gunnery range. Received instructions from Col HARPER to have Lt LARSON of Crackling Tower to make arrangements to inspect PPF destroyer every three (3) days and hire civilian to make daily inspection. These instructions given to Lt LARSON tomorrow at semi-monthly inspection of ranges.

AERIAL TRAINING:-

| 38th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 2 a/c PPF (destroyer) | 4 a/c gunnery range (1300-1500) |
| 2 a/c Test hops | 4 a/c transitions |
| 7 a/c formation | 3 a/c #4 range |
| 6 a/c on gunnery range | 1 a/c PPF training |
| 1 a/c GEE training (3 hrs) | 3 a/c formation flying |
| 1 a/c A-5 check (PPF) | |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 10 a/c formation...all 16 calib. instruments; 11 of them to #3 range; 5 of them to gunnery range. | 28 a/c formation |
| | 8 a/c #3 bomb range |
| | 6 a/c gunnery range |
| 4 a/c gunnery range | 4 a/c transition |
| 4 a/c conductsern. ceiling tests. | 1 a/c fuel flow test (PPF) |
| 2 a/c GEE training | 2 a/c XC (Nav.) |
| 1 a/c transition | |

A-4 SECTION:-

Held supply meeting at 376th and results were very satisfactory. Complete report to follow.

Contacted Maj SMITH, 837th Engineers regarding arrival of Co. "C". They were scheduled to arrive at 1600, 19 Oct but have probably been held up due to weather. Upon arrival they will be stationed at and maintain field at GEORGE.



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A-4 SECTION (contd)

Checked San Pancrazio regarding Airdrome maintenance and they are coming along fine and should soon be in tip-top shape.

Checked Lecce with regards to field maintenance, they are in fine shape and everyone is very happy.

ORDNANCE:-

Brought to the attention of the Groups that it was very important that Ordnance Monthly Materiel Status Report be correctly reported. A number of discrepancies noted were requested to be corrected.

As of the 15th of this month (October) there were only 1.4% of the all the vehicles in this command deadlined for 1st or 2nd echelon maintenance.

Pursuant to request of Major [redacted] made necessary arrangements to secure 500-Armor Piercing, 1000 lb. Bombs for one of the Bases.

SIGNALS:-

Lt Col [redacted] and Lt Col DOTY visited the 98th, 376th, 450th Bomb Groups, and discussed with the Group Commanders the new Ring Air-Ground Radio policy. All were pleased with the idea of giving out weather information and the Liaison contact plan. This new Policy will go in effect as soon as the 449th Group is covered.

SURGEON:-

Routine duties.

Major [redacted] are still in the hospital.

CHAPLAIN SECTION:-

Nil.

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HEADQ ARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

Wednesday
18 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

General RUSH and I met General BORN, 13th Air Force, Deputy Commanding General at the 90th Bomb Group after lunch we inspected the Squadron areas; all were in fairly good shape, but the 344th Squadron was outstanding, clean, and neat. The 345th Squadron has an excellent Radar Section.

The 90th Bomb Group is in bad need of a; Squadron Executive officer.

ADJUTANT

NOTE TO ALL SECTIONS:- Material for the DAILY DIARY should be in the Adjutant's office by 1700 hours each day for publications the following day.

A-1 SECTION:-

1 crew reported in without aircraft and was assigned to the 450th Bomb Group.

Air Force notified us that 2d Lt MONTGOMERY, 450th Group is being returned to ZI to attend flexible gunnery school at Laredo, Texas. He is to report to Air Force morning of October 20, 1944. Air Force will cut orders. He will return to organization upon completion of course.

99 gunners (replacements) reported in and were assigned to the Groups according to their needs.

Capt QUILLAN, Wing Headquarters has been transferred to the 450th Bomb Group.

A-2 SECTION:-

Nil.

A-3 SECTION:-

Lt Col WARREN. New officers assigned to Groups as follows:-
98th Group - Capt LEHMAN, Major HABAJER
376th Group - Capt HORN and MEMPH
449th Group - Major KNOX and Capt JORDAN
450th Group - Capt BLAIR.

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A-3 SECTION:- (contd)

| 98th Group | 277th Group |
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| 10 a/c formation | 4 a/c gunnery range |
| 4 a/c gunnery | 4 a/c transition flight |
| 3 a/c PFF destroyer | 4 a/c instrument flight |
| 1 a/c PFF Decca | 1 a/c PFF dry run Decca |
| 1 a/c Alt. test | 4 a/c practice formation |
| 4 a/c calibration flight | 8 a/c practice bombing #4 |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 8 a/c formation | 4 a/c formation |
| 6 a/c #3 bombing range | 12 a/c instrument flying |
| 3 a/c cross country | 1 a/c gunnery |
| 1 a/c PFF | 1 a/c test flight |
| 2 a/c gunnery | 1 a/c cross country |
| 4 a/c calibration | 28 a/c formation also bomb #3 range |
| 2 a/c familiarization | 3 a/c gunnery range. |
| 3 a/c test hops | |

ORDNANCE:-

Upon receipt of complaint from the 450th Bomb Group on requisition that they had forwarded to the 1647th Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Company, contacted the Commanding Officer of that Company, 62d Service Group and Air Force. The net result was that the 450th Bomb Group will receive a new eletrac on Memorandum Receipt and the old one instead of being deadlined for parts and not functioning, is being sent to the Depot for general overhauling.

All of the Bases now have sufficient stocks of fahnestock clips on hand.

SIGNALS:-

Lt Col KIVAN, Majors LUSH, TAYLOR, and VAN ALLEN were given the Wing Communication Indoctrination Course.

Capt SJOBERG and all Group "Mickey" operators visited the Wing Signal Officer. A long discussion was held on all phases of MEW Operation and some excellent ideas were presented by these officers which should improve the operation of this equipment.

OTHER SECTIONS:-

Nil.

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47th Bombardment Wing (hv)

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Tuesday
17 October 1944

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CHIEF OF STAFF

The Tactical - Service "Pep Meeting" held at 450th Bombardment Group A-2 Briefing Room was attended by the following representatives:-

15th AIR FORCE

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| Colonel WARNER | A-1 |
| Colonel W. A. MCNELL | Air Inspector |
| Lt Col KENDALL | IGD |
| Colonel BOTHWELL | A-4 |
| Colonel BENSON | Surgeon |

304th BOMB. WING

Lt Col CASEY and 4 Group Executive Officers.

62d SERVICE GROUP

Lt Col MARSHALL and Staff
4 Service Squadron CO's, Engineering and Supply Officers.

HEADQUARTERS 47th BOMB WING

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| Brig General | H. P. HUSH | CG |
| Colonel | R. KYLE | Chief of Staff |
| Lt Col | M. L. WALTERS | Adjutant |

A-1 SECTION
Lt Col CARROLL
Lt Gangerelli
Lt Wilkes

A-2 SECTION
Lt Gilmore (Flak Officer)

A-3 SECTION

A-4 SECTION
Captain L. PERRY

INSPECTION
Air
Lt Col MURRAY (Insp)
Major Brown (Adm Insp)
Lt Mathews
Lt Crowder

SURGEON
Lt Col J. L. COGLAND

SIGNAL
Lt Col W. J. LOTY
Capt Quillan

SPECIAL SERVICE
Capt McFADDEN

HQ SQ 47th BOMB. WING
Major H. R. BURGE



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CHIEF OF STAFF (Contd)

98th BOMB. GROUP

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lt Col | S. E. MANZO | CO |
| Lt Col | D. E. WILSON | Executive Officer |
| Major | C. R. BURTON | Adjutant |
| Lt Col | W. B. SANYER | CO, 343rd Squadron |
| Major | R. G. WEST | Executive, 343rd Squadron |
| Major | F. S. [illegible]R | Executive, 344th Squadron |
| Major | W. D. BRYANT | Executive, 345th Squadron |
| Capt | G. W. LA BOUNTY | Executive, 415th Squadron |

376th BOMB. GROUP

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|---|---|---|
| Colonel | T. Q. GRAFF | CO |
| Lt Col | W. A. THOMPSON | Executive Officer |
| Major | G. J. DeGISMEROS | Adjutant |
| Major | C. J. ZUCCO | A-4 |
| Major | J. T. SNYDER | CO, 512th Squadron |
| Major | G. M. MILLER | Ex, 512th Squadron |
| Major | J. F. GRIEME | Ex, 513th Squadron |
| Major | PARISH | Ex, 514th Squadron |
| Major | C. L. WIMBERLY | CO, 515th Squadron |
| Capt | G. C. MAZALUCK | Ex, 515th Squadron |

449th BOMB. GROUP

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| Lt Col | JACK D. RANDOLPH | Actg CO |
| Lt Col | W. M. FLEISCHER | Executive Officer |
| Major | VINCENT F. VALLERO | A-4 |
| Major | H. O. FICHTE | Ex, 716th Squadron |
| Major | JAMES Y.NDELL | Ex, 717th Squadron |
| Major | STEPHEN OGDEN | Ex, 718th Squadron |
| Major | MELBOURNE RABEDEAU | Ex, 719th Squadron |



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CHIEF OF STAFF (Contd)

450th BOMB. GROUP

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| Colonel | R. R. GIDEON | CO |
| Lt Col | O. PRICE | Executive Officer |
| Major | C. J. DONOVAN | Adjutant |
| Capt | T. W. JACKSON | S-4 |
| Capt | J. H. WELLS, jr | Ex, 720th Squadron |
| Major | D. J. CLARK | Ex, 721st Squadron |
| Lt Col | W. A. McWHORTER | CO, 722nd Squadron |
| Major | HERMAN J. HUBER | Ex, 722nd Squadron |
| Captain | N. A. OLMAN | Ex, 723rd Squadron |

41st AIR DEPOT (Gioia)

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| Colonel | SNEED | CO |

51st AIR DEPOT

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| Capt | LAWSON | CO |

Each Staff Section is covering salient points of their activities.

ADJUTANT

Major BROWN being placed on DS at NAPLES for a period of five (5) days for the purpose of attending course of instruction in Ground Safety. To depart 18 Oct 44, return 23 Oct 44.

A-1 SECTION

Major NUGENT has been placed on DS with 5th ARMY and will leave tomorrow.

of the expected ten (10) crews today, only nine (9) reported in. One truck had broken down, and had to return (enroute to Gioia). The other crew will be picked up tomorrow.

9 crews w/o aircraft reported in and assigned as follows:
3 - 98th Group
4 - 449th Group
2 - 450th Group.

Discussed the following subjects at a meeting at 450th Group:

a. Discussed rotation with Col WARNER, A-1, 15th Air Force, He stated that we are getting about 1/3 of one percent on rotation, which he said was due to lack of water transportation. Various approaches to



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A-1 SECTION:- (Contd)

relieve the rotation situation were made, such as using war-weary aircraft for shuttle runs and it was also suggested to use one large troop transport to clear out all personnel overseas 2 years or longer. Air Force has broached all these angles to NATOUSA but to no avail. Discussed the possibility with Col BENSON as to return of yellow jaundice cases to the states. Col BENSON made the statement that Medical Department were trying harder to keep medical cases here than they were trying to return them to ZI. 376th Group stated that they have an Engineering Officer who has been in the hospital 2½ months and has not as yet been transferred to detachment of patients. Col BENSON stated that the Surgeon of the 376th Group should check and that this officer should be immediately dropped from rolls of his organization.

b. Discussed possibility of shortage of ground personnel such as Education and Orientation officers, special service officers and intelligence officers. Col WARNER stated that we were to get education and orientation officers in about 2 weeks from now. He stated that NATOUSA took away 50 intelligence officers, that were due for assignment to this Air Force. But we should receive a few in near future.

c. Discussed possibility of sending Navigators and Bombardiers to ZI for Pilot training. Col WARNER stated that upon return to ZI after completion of combat tour that Bombardiers normally, if they so desired, would be sent to school for Pilot training. However, because of overall shortage of Navigators in the Army Air Forces, Navigators would not receive pilot training.

d. Col WARNER stated that the CG would like to see every one who finished 50 missions get a DFC. He also stated that Air Force would like to see a greater number of Distinguished Service Cross recommendations.

e. Col MAXWELL discussed possibility of holding classes in Efficiency ratings for Officers.

f. Col WARNER discussed recent SOP on officers evaluation report. This HQ. had received Form 123's with reference to this item and is being sent to Groups immediately. The purpose of this evaluation is to set tentative plans for commissioning of individuals to man the post-war Air Force. This is still in the planning state.

g. We received 22 replacements of unneeded specialties. They were, for the major part, a low calibre of men. Many had one or more courts-martial.



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A-2 SECTION:-

Conducted weekly operations summary.

TWX to all Groups advising as to land mine situation on VIS.

TWX to 15th Air Force requesting clearance on release of information on 2 emergency landing strips in Yugoslavia.

A-3 SECTION:-

Capt BLOCK - Duty Officer. Attended Wing meeting at 450th Bomb Group.

TRAINING:-

| 98th Bomb Group | 442nd Bomb Group |
|---|---|
| 2 a/c bomb range #4 gunnery range and calibration mission. | Morning:<br>5 a/c bomb range<br>2 a/c gunnery<br>Afternoon:<br>2 a/c gunnery range<br>3 a/c bomb range #3 |

Lt Col WARDEN and Major ELLIOTT to Air Force for all day conference.

A-4 SECTION:-

Major SMITH informed this office that Company "C" of the VII Area Aviation Engineers have been assigned to GROTTAGLIE and that work will begin as soon as they can get set up.

All airdromes are operational.

Work on taxi strips and runways has been tied up considerably because of operational traffic.

It is suggested that a Memorandum be sent to each Group asking their cooperation with the Area Engineers.

At 98th Group, equipment is on hand and work is coming along satisfactorily.

At 450th Group, drainage has begun on the deep pool at the North end of the runway. The Engineers have encountered a shelf of rock and are having difficulties.

Major SMITH assured us that he is doing the very best possible under these conditions and that he will stay in the saddle.

Col BOTHWELL assured us of having enough tents and cots to handle our demands and needs soon. In the meantime there is sufficient lumber to build cots. (Capt MOYLE, 62d).



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A-4 SECTION:- (contd)

Stoves. Also stated by Col BOTHWELL was that our requirements for stoves would be met. 1/3 now and complete in 6 weeks. On their way from States.

Tents. Service Group have 100 tents on hand at present and that should hold us over until 15th Air Force comes through.

Talked to Col CREED in regards to additional engine cowlings for engine changes. He is checking and will notify this office.

ORDNANCE:-

Received information from Air Force that very shortly two ambulances will be pulled from the Groups. In view of this, suggested to Wing Surgeon that the Groups take the opportunity of overhauling the ambulances while they still have eight ambulances on hand.

At a meeting of all Ordnance Officers suggested to them that they initiate a plan in their Groups whereby a small percentage of vehicles be deadlined for 1st, 2nd and 3rd echelon maintenance. At present all of the Groups are up to 92% of their allowances in vehicles, therefore, any plan as suggested would not hinder operations.

Air Force has requested that the 449th Bomb Group surrender one of their 1½ ton personnel carriers to them for use with the Mobile Bombsight Training Unit. The 449th Bomb Group at present has 4 of these trucks which are not authorized equipment. The 449th Group is sending same M/R.

INSPECTION:-

Meeting between Tactical, Service Command, and Air Force Personnel at 450th Bomb Group (H) was attended by Lt Col MURRAY, Maj BROWN, Lt Mathews and Lt Crowder.

Question was raised relative to forthcoming Mess Inspection and answer was to the effect that this would be a very critical inspection.

Question was raised relative to flying status of mechanics and answer given was to the effect that this was not possible.

Question was raised relative to securing Buildings or Nissen Huts for the showing of movies at the 450th and 449th Bomb Groups. Matter should receive Command attention inasmuch as the necessity for this type of entertainment is very great.

Lt Col MACY, Air Inspector, 304th Wing attended, accompanied by Wing Chief of Staff and all Group Executive Officers.



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HUMAN:-

Col COCHRAN, Lt Col [illegible], Major [illegible], and Major HUNT visited the 39th Field Hospital, 376th Bomb Group and then to the Rest Camp at Santa Cesarea.

Major GAVIN and Lt HUNT are still in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE:-

The 15th Air Force Special Service Officer called and requested that hereafter as much entertainment as possible will be presented at the Rest Camp at Santa Cesarea. They will be included on the schedule when the next Italian Variety show tours this area.

Lt LUMMER, 15th Air Force Special Service Officer, called and wanted to know if the Theater in Lecce could hold a cast of actors almost as large as the "This is the Army Show". Also asked about the possibility of billeting of the entire cast if and when it might tour this area.

OTHER SECTIONS:-

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (Hv)

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Monday
16 October 1944

DAILY BULLETIN

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

1 crew reported in by truck from GIOLA and was assigned to 449th Group

10 crews will be picked up by truck at GIOLA tomorrow.

Air Force called for rated officers, not above grade of 1st Lt, and preferably those who have completed combat tour for interview with Col SKOLTZ, A-3, Air Force, for assignment as Flight Control Officers. Air Force has vacancies for eight (8) such officers. Those selected will be placed on DS, to Air Force. We notified Groups. Officers are to report for interview either 17th or 18th October 44. The 98th, 376th, and 450th Groups have each reported 2 officers, who desire this duty. Air Force does not desire report, unless negative. Officers will report for interview as quoted.

Air Force notified us that we have 4 rated officers assigned to this Wing. (1 Lt Col and 3 Majors).

40 airplane mechanic-gunners and 62 gunners are due in the 18th.

11 Searchlight personnel (all enlisted) reported in and will be assigned to the Groups.

A-2 SECTION

15th Air Force advises, in response to query from this headquarters, that target materials on targets which have come into Allied hands may be declassified to "INSTRUCTED" and given, on request, to combat crew-members returning to the United States.

Lt Col THOMAS attended briefing at 449th Group.

Reported to 15th Air Force that complete check of all escape purses in Groups of this Wing disclosed money was missing from 16 purses. This was the first time these purses had been unsealed, and evidence indicates the money was missing when the purses originally were delivered. Reports of survey are being instituted to clear the records.

Informed 450th Group the 721st Sq is sending clothing to the QM cleaning and laundry establishment marked with organizational designation. Col PRICE said this would be corrected.

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A-2 SECTION (contd)

Lt STAVANSON arranged with Major MARTIN, Executive Officer of the 909th Air Base Security Bn for PRO coverage of his men. Supplied him with PRO questionnaire form for use in unit. Releases will be written by Wing PRO.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARREN:- Request Lt Col MURRAY investigate excessive gas consumption - too many ships landing short of home base (20 missing-probably all OK).

Wire sent to all Groups restricting combat flights of most experienced Group leaders in order to conserve Wing experience lead.

Monthly operations and training inspection reports out to all Groups.

New B-25 being assigned to Wing.

Lt Col WARREN and Major ELLIOTT to 15th Air Force conference on 17th Oct 44.

5 new majors (pilots) being assigned to Wing - Lt Col KELVAN also at 15th Air Force but may be assigned to 55th Wing.

Altitude test hop set up - each Group and Captain STAIBY to make one.

Capt CRIMMER:- Each Group authorized and requisitioning:
1 Renshaw Recognition Kit
1 Trainer communications
Model a/c - 76

Visited ground school classes at 98th Group this morning.

Inspected central Power unit set up at 98th. Searchlights for nite flying arriving tonight.

Capt STAIBY:- Rome run - picked up Lt Col MANZO.

Major ELLIOTT:- Duty officer.

TRAINING:-

98th Group
7 a/c transition 2 hrs.
6 a/c bombing and gunnery range - 10 bombs
6 a/c calibration, airspeed and swing compass.
3 a/c formation - 3 hrs.

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Diary, 16 Oct 44

ORDNANCE

Stocks of Pyrotechnic, signals, Red into Green - Green, AN-M56 and Green into Red-Red, AN-M54 are available and will be distributed to bases of this command. The use of the above signals goes into effect as of November 1 1944.

The 2 unexploded 2000 lb. bombs have been located and taken care of.

Air Force informs this office that they have high hopes of equipping our Groups with flak suits up to prescribed level this week.

SURGEON

Lt Col BARKLEY and Major BROTHER are visiting the 98th Group investigating the incidence of Hepatitis (Jaundice). Tomorrow they intend to spend the day at the 35th Field Hospital.

Major GAVIN and Lt HUNT are still in the hospital.

SIGNAL

Col DUTY made an inspection tour of the Communication facilities at the 98th Bomb Group.

Capt HARTMAN visited the Radar Sections at the 449th Group yesterday and assisted with some of the complicated maintenance problems. Instructions was also given in the use of certain test equipment for high voltage measurements. The operation of the GEE trainer and GEE jammer was studied and observed. Approval was given on a compilation of GEE service notes that Lt GRUNBERG has been working on.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil

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47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

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D A I L Y  D I A R Y

Sunday
15 October 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF
ADJUTANT } Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

15 crews without aircraft reported in today and assigned as follows:
5 - 98th Group
5 - 376th Group
5 - 449th Group.

1 crew due in tomorrow. Will be picked up at 22nd Replacement Bn in Bari by truck at 0830 hrs.

A-2 SECTION

15th Air Force advises, in response to query from this headquarters, that the 30,000 mines still on VIS are confined to the shores of coastal inlets and none are inland.

Samples of Yugoslavian sa'e area maps used for briefings at 376th distributed to other Groups and 15th Air Force as example of a good method of handling this phase of briefing.

A-3 SECTION

GROUP TRAINING:-

98th Bomb Group.

7 a/c transition 2 hrs
6 a/c bomb and gunnery - 10 bombs
6 a/c calibration airspeed and swing compass
3 a/c formation 3 hrs.

Capt GRIMM:- B2X trainer is to be installed at 450th Group. Work to begin tomorrow.

Capt HAGON:- Inspected 376th and 450th Groups.

Lt Col WALDUM:- routine.

A-4 SECTION

12 trucks, 3 from each Group, were made up in a convoy at 0800 hrs today at Wing Headquarters and sent to Monte Corvino to bring back "Company 'C'" of the 827th Aviation Engineers. They are being sent here for the maintenance of the 4 airfields.

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47th Bombardment Wing (Hv)
APO 520 US ARMY /so

Diary, 15 Oct 44.

SIGNALS

Lt Col DOTY visited and inspected all Communications Sections of the 449th Bomb Group.

Capt HARMAN visited and Inspected Radar Shop at 376th Group.

SURGEON

Col GODLAND visited the hospital today and went to Santa Caserea Rest Camp with Col WALTERS.

Major GAVIN was admitted to the hospital yesterday evening. Lt HUNT is still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

2 of the 2000 lb. Bombs jettisoned by the 450th Bomb Group in the vicinity of Taranto are still unlocated.

A meeting of all Ordnance Officers will be held tomorrow at 1.30 hrs.

Flak suits are coming in slowly.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING /kfs
APO 520

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Saturday
14 October 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF Routine duties.

ADJUTANT Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Of the 30 crews we were scheduled to received tomorrow, we will only get 11 crews. 7 crews will be picked up at the 22nd Repl Bn, and 4 crews will be picked up at Gioia.

A-2 SECTION

Tp 15 AF relative to status of Brenner recce and was informed a strip had been taken and was being sent to us.

A-3 SECTION

Maj Nugent: Investigated B-10 shackle. Talked to Armament Officers from 98th, 376th and 449th Gps. Received their comments, criticisms and percentages of malfunctions caused by the B-10 shackle.

Received report from Maj Ulmann on his 3 day survey of the Bombing Section of the 98th Gp.

Checked up on radio release being developed by the 98th Gp. Found to be successful in practice, but has not been tried in combat as yet.

Capt ROSE: Inspected 98th Gp Navigation Section on 11 Oct/44. Inspected 376th Gp Navigation Section on 13 Oct/44.

Worked up target sketch of mission of 13 Oct/44 for Nutmeg, giving routes and times of 98th & 449th Gps in the Vienna Area.

Capt Beson: Inspected 449th Gp Personnel Equipment on 12 Oct/44 and 98th on 13 Oct/44.

Capt Von Noy: Inspected Gunnery Program in 376th Gp today.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th Gp - 3 a/c Bomb Range #4
2 a/c PFF mission & C-1 check
1 a/c Navigation flight, 5 hrs.
2 a/c Calibration Airspeed.
2 a/c Formation.

449th Gp - 2 a/c test hops
1 a/c Gunnery Practice
4 a/c Navigation flights
3 a/c Transition flights
2 a/c Formation

376th Gp - 2 a/c Transition flights
5 a/c Instrument flights
3 a/c Bomb range.
2 a/c X-country.

450th Gp - 2 a/c Bomb range.
4 a/c Lead Team & Bomb Range
2 a/c Transition flight
3 a/c Navigation transition

SURGEON

Lt Hunt is still in the hospital.



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SIGNAL

Meeting of all Group Radar Officers was held at Wing Headquarters. Maintenance and supply problems were discussed.

Visited the inspected all Communications Sections of the 450th Bomb Gp.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

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Friday
13 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF / Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Chaplain FLINK reported for duty.

A-1 SECTION

~~Routine duties.~~ See Page 3.

A-2 SECTION

TWX to all Groups citing instance of security violation by airmen released from Sweden and directing attention of all flying personnel be called to fact that any similar violations will result in disciplinary action. The action complained of, involved release of classified information to newspapers.

Telephoned a-2, 15th AF, pointing out that the target photographs forwarded for Friday's mission had north arrows oriented approximately 50° west of north.

Advised by 98th Bomb Group that Capt HICKOK, S-2, 415th Squadron, will depart Sunday for the States on permanent change of station. He was requested by name from Washington through MAAF. No replacement has been provided.

Capt CAMSE-MORGON went to Taranto and located an Italian Naval Officer with engineering construction experience to interpret the engineering charts now being studied as target materials. This officer has been recommended as trustworthy by the British, and arrangements are being made to have him come to Wing Headquarters.

Lt SILVERSON to San Pancrazio to check on party of British war correspondents who had arrived. The affair is not "our show" and this headquarters is not involved.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARDEN;- 449th notified that they have permission to fly over Taranto Harbor during rendy.

Gas situation causing minor trouble due to Balkan Operation.

All PFF ships except one per Group being loaned to 55th and 304th Wings for operations of October 14.

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A-3 SECTION (contd)

Majors NUGENT and McDOTT:- Inspected 376th and visited 376th Group Armament Section to determine cause of malfunctions. Found faulty B-10 shackles - responsible for 28 bombs failing to release.

Col WARREN:- Called Col HUGHES, A-3 at 15th Air Force and requested that they relay status of all potential emergency landing fields to us daily. This data to be used in crew briefings. He approved idea and will do.

New plan for relaying local field weather to Groups on mission:

a. Wing keeps Big Fence informed of local conditions and gives them any special instructions for relay to Groups.

b. Wing Air-Ground broadcasts above each half hour only when local weather dubious.

c. Wing Operations stands by to broadcast on C channel to returning Groups - any special instructions can be given that are necessary.

Capt GRIMES:- Secured the following from A-3 Training 15th Air Force yesterday.

a. M2X Trainer for the Wing, to be installed beginning next week at the 450th Bomb Gp.
b. Mobile Training Unit, B-24, to arrive Monday. Will be available for 30 days.

Ground School training aircraft requested for each Group will not be available until final notice from Air Service Command. Classification of such aircraft is undetermined.

Inspected 98th Bomb Gp Training.

SIGNALS

Meeting of all Group Communications Officers was held on 12 Oct 44. Various maintenance problems were viewed. In the afternoon Lt Col DOTY visited the 98th Bomb Gp and inspected all Communications Sections. All Sections are well set up except the 415th Squadron which is still operating from a tent which is located in a low spot with plenty of mud around. Contacted Squadron Adjutant, Lt WRIGHT, who promised to have a building constructed or find space for this Section.

Capt TEDDY has secured the necessary poles, wire and transformer for the power installation necessary for the operation of the 5000 watt Beacon. Construction of power line is scheduled to start 14 Oct 44.



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Diary, 13 Oct 44.

SIGNALS (contd)

Capt HARTMAN visited and inspected the 450th Bomb Group Radar Section.

Aircraft 51554 new H2X ship equipped with AN/APS-13 (Radar Tail Warning Job) arrived today and was assigned to the 450th Bomb Group This unit has a warning range of 90° vertical and 60° horizontal at 800 yards and is aimed to the rear of aircraft. There are only four (4) of this type aircraft in this theater.

SURGEON

Maj THORPE visited this morning. Buildings for the Group Aid Dispensary were discussed.

Lt HUNT is still in the hospital.

A-1 SECTION

~~Air Force called and stated that orders returning Capt HICKOK (Intelligence Officer, 98th Group) to ZI will be ready by the 14th Oct and that subject officer will pick up orders at Air Force. He will leave the 14th. Group notified. War Dept had asked for this officer~~ A-2

The Legion of Merit was awarded to M/Sgt Metzler, 512th Sq, 376th Gp on NATOUSA GO #98, dated 28 Sept 44 for exceptionally meritorious service as line chief.

We asked Air Force for aerial photographers. Air Force stated that they would give us some gunners about the 17th Oct that can be utilized for that purpose, or as gunners.

Called Air Force again in regards to Engineering Officers returning to ZI on DS and attending Technical Schools or going thru factories after they have completed their DS. Air Force stated that they would have to attend these schools or visit factories on their own time.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.



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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 U S ARMY

Thursday
12 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Inspection of 376th Bomb Group has been postponed until November 2nd 1944 due to operational interference.

Volley Ball and exercise will be from 4:00 P.M. until 5:30 P.M. (or until dark). Everybody is cordially invited to participate in some form of exercise.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Changes in promotion policy has been received by TWX from Air Force which requires 12 months in grade for promotion of Officers to the grades of 1st Lt., Captain, and Major. This only applies for officers in higher commands and includes headquarters down to Wing level only. Promotion to Lt Colonel requires 15 months and to Colonel requires 18 and there has been no change in time in grade requirement for these two grades.

We will receive 30 crews which are to be picked up at 22d Replacement Bn on the 15th at 9:00 A.M.

1 crew reported in and was assigned to 449th Group.

The status of Lt Col McILHENNY who returned to ZI on temporary duty has been changed to Perm Change of Station.

Air Force called and stated that they have the major part of a crew (7 men) and that they are being assigned direct to the 98th Group.

Air Force called and stated that orders on personnel nominated for rotation for October will be published 15th October. Personnel are to arrive at the 22d Replacement Bn not later than 1300 hours, 17 Oct 44. All personnel listed on #1 permanent change of station list and 2 men on the alternate permanent change of station list will return to ZI. All personnel listed on #1 temporary change of station list will also return to ZI. Groups notified.

A-2 SECTION

Amended 47th Wing Memo 45-1 to provide that on receipt of Escape Purses from higher headquarters each Group S-2 will have the purses opened and contents checked, then have purse stitched on four sides. This is intended to fix responsibility for any shortages that should develop



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A-2 SECTION (contd)

Case of M/Sgt, 376th Bomb Group, who married an Italian girl on verbal authority from his immediate CO, without the required security investigation, referred to this headquarters by 15th Air Force Counter Intelligence Officer. Facts in the case will be called to the attention of the Group CO.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col [illegible] - routine duties.

Major [illegible]:- Inspected 98th. Lt [illegible]:- Inspected 98th.

Capt [illegible]:- None - Inspection 10th Oct (449th).

Capt [illegible]:- Duty Officer. N.I.P. to Groups.

Capt [illegible]:- Inspected 449th Group.

8 replacement a/c picked up from Gl&L and assigned as follows:
2 - 98th
1 - 376th
1 - 449th
1 - 450th.

98th Bomb Group
2 a/c navigational flights to Naples.
1 a/c camera run
1 a/c bombing range #4

376th Bomb Group
None. Field closed.

449th Group
2 a/c navigational flights.
4 a/c bomb range #3
4 a/c gunnery
3 a/c transition

450th Bomb Group
3 a/c gunnery
2 a/c transition
4 a/c gunnery
6 a/c bomb range #3
3 a/c transition and instruments.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Spent the morning scouting for light fixtures for EM's Club. None available in quantity in one type also prices are more than prohibitive. Spent the afternoon in Taranto trying to 'chisel' material for completion of several small houses in area. Found a couple of good leads but no results yet.

Gasoline burning stove project still held up because of lack of tubing for feed and jet.



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Diary, 12 Oct 1944

SURGEON

This morning Col COGLAND and Major HALL informally inspected the area of the Headquarters Squadron.

Lt HUNT is still in the Hospital.

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Lt Col COGLAND attended a meeting of all Wing and Groups Surgeons 15th Air Force on 11 October 1944. The following is a brief resume of topics covered:-

a. Air Force Engineer:- There is sufficient amount of roofing material and a small amount of window glass which should be sufficient to weather proof all existing buildings. Engineer's gravel and stone pits will be available for use by units. In case of road building and fills engineering equipment may be used by units when available. A specific amount of lumber has been allotted each Wing for use as flooring and tent side walls. This, plus some cement, tufi blocks and bricks should allow flooring and a short side wall for tents. A high side wall is neither necessary nor will facilities be provided for building it. For main supply roads, pressure has been applied to AGC for assistance and Aviation Engineer will work on some if and when other priorities have been fulfilled. In case of drainage units must construct their own ditches within unit areas - but engineers will carry it further.

b. Quartermaster - XV AFSC:- He states definitely that sufficient tentage and cots were provided thru Service Centers for increase of crews to 96 in all Groups. He states further, that if a shortage now exists, it is due to diversion of these items. (Request that this be investigated in this Wing as the undersigned brought up the point after it Col MARSHALL's statement in the Wing Staff Meeting the previous day).
Replacements of either tents or cots is now stymied but water proofing is available and care of tentage must be exercised. Quartermaster stoves will be issued only at the rate of 1 per 25 personnel. All other stoves must be improvised. (Gen TWINING considers one per tent or office necessary). Assistance in obtaining material for improvising was not offered although standard designs will be submitted. Fuel oil is abundant; also coal and some wood will be issued. The new field jacket will be available soon and overshoes for 80% of the command will be provided. 4 blankets per man will be provided. Metal tent hoods are available and should be used. As a side line, he mentioned the availability of the cook and bakers schools designed specifically for better preparation of the present "B" ration. The use of this School by units was recommended to all.

c. Air Corps Technical Supply Officer, 15th Air Force:- He mentioned that errors and failures to make follow up requisition was a principal source of failure to obtain needed things. Electrical flying equipment is available in full strength (96 crews) and enough in the Theater to care for normal attrition up to 1 January 1945. A new shipment is expected and there is a reserve of unused British Equipment at Depot 5. A sheep lined vest is being locally prepared from discarded clothing for use of ground crews.

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SURGEON (contd)

d. Ordnance Officer, 15th Air Force:- A request has been made that 6 ambulances, 1 jeep and 1 weapons carrier be authorized for medical departments. (Present authorization is a weapons carrier, 4 ambulances plus 2 ambulances or 4 jeeps). The above request was approved by MTO but is doubtful in WARUSA. Excess ambulances have been called in but Ordnance is trying to stall this request because of the sad condition of the present old equipment. Ordnance will set up a priority for ambulance springs, batteries, flexible gas tubing and fuel pumps and will change the present system of necessary redlining ambulances while awaiting replacement of worn out but still useable parts.

A standard Aviation Dispensary has been designed and approved by WA. It consists of 1500 Sq Ft of floor space divided into a Group Surgeons Office and examining room, X-ray room, Dental office, medical supply office, laboratory and 14 bed ward. Ward tents will be provided for additional beds up to 36. These dispensaries will be built by the Engineers, the priority being such as to commence them in about 1 month. The 449th and 450th Groups are 2 and 3 and the 98th and 376th are 26th and 27th on the Air Force priority list.

Major LEVY, Air Force Psychiatrist spoke on administrative return of airmen who had not completed 50 missions. He called attention to the fact that this is provided only for personnel who develop combat fatigue and is not to be used as a means of disposition of medical (physical or emotional) failures. This is a point well taken because only cases going home by the Medical Disposition Board receive the consideration by Z.I. doctors, which is their due. It was further requested that Wing Surgeons keep an accurate check on all cases sent home administratively but with a medical certificate (In this Wing, A-1 has notified all Groups that papers on these cases must be submitted to Wing for approval before "walking them thru".)

Air Force Medical Inspector listed common deficiencies noted in sanitation. Especial emphasis was placed on hand-washing and cleanliness of food handlers - and particularly the Italians. Also mention was made that the present month is the worst of the fly months and screening must be kept in repair. Common deficiencies were in pre-dinning of mess kits, failure of Mess Sergeants to supervise cleanliness of mess personnel, greasy table utensils, unclean cutlery and canvas case (this should be discarded), odorous ice boxes, floors not cemented (this is a priority for floors), too much refuse and contamination of ground around garbage racks, lack of grease traps and screening deficiencies. Col BENSON spoke of dirty stoves and similar items as being primarily house keeping problems and not sanitation, although poor sanitation goes along with poor house keeping, Col BENSON felt that effectiveness of Medical Officers in sanitation problems was diminished if "Spit and Polish" requirements were also expected of them.



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LONDON (contd)

The Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist of 26th General Hospital gave an interesting talk on air otitis media. Considerable promise but no panacea is offered in the use of radium to destroy lymphoid tissue that may be blocking the outlet of the tube leading from the middle ear to the nose. Two doctors, qualified in use of radium and their equipment are being sent to 15th Air Force Headquarters from the Air Surgeon's Office in Washington.

Another topic of interest is the use of a daily dose of sulfadiazine as prophyluxis against upper respiratory infections, middle ear infections, meningitis and scarlet fever. Experimental work has been done on 600,000 Naval personnel and 200,000 Army personnel by the National Research Council which was organized by the present administration to assist in investigation of military medical problems. Results so far have been gratifying and favorable consideration has been given at the Air Surgeon's Office. A new directive that sulfa drugs in prophylactic doses (not therapeutic doses) can be used on flying personnel has been received. The Air Force will not recommend its use until further reports have been received and studied.

Lt Col BARDEN, Chief of Medical Service, 12th General Hospital and for the last year, chief of the Group Investigating Hepatitis (Jaundice) was the other speaker. Mode of transmission of this disease is still unknown but there is evidence to indicate that fecal contamination may well be the method of spreading it. Lt Col BARDEN and Major BAKER will spend a few days at the 98th Bomb Group investigate its high incidence in that area.

ST JEAN DE MAURIENNE

Received a call from a Red Cross representative in Avanduria in regards to voting in the coming presidential elections. This individual had applied for a State ballot from the State of New York and received a card stating that she was not a part of the armed forces, therefore, if she could not appear in person for the ballot, she would not be eligible to vote by means of the State ballot. The State of New York does not recognize a federal ballot, hence the young lady is not eligible to vote at all.

The 15th Air Force has available 2 men, both college graduates, who could be used in the Orientation Apartment of one of our Groups. Will check all units for vacancies.



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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

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Wednesday
11 Oct 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Many complaints are still being received of military personnel making midnight requisition of tufa block and gravel from the various quarries in this area. Groups are being instructed not to dispatch vehicles for this purpose and to keep a record of each vehicle entering the post carrying this material.

A-1 SECTION

We received 1st Ind. 15th Air Force dated 4 Oct 44 to MATOUSA letter 27 Sept 44, subject: " WD Plan Readjustment of Military Personnel," dealing with release of certain enlisted men and readjustment of others, upon cessation of hostilities with Germany. A Form to be filled out on every enlisted man, is to be immediately reproduced locally and kept on hand. Upon receipt of further instructions to place the plan in operation, report on personnel is to reach Air Force within ten (10) days of receipt of additional instructions.

1 crew is due-in from GIOIA tomorrow.

Air Force called for one Pilot and 1 Co-Pilot to be placed on DS with 885th Bomb Sq. Names furnished are 2d Lt McKONE' (P), and 2d Lt MILLER (CP), 450th Bomb Group.

Major ALEXANDER, 450th Bomb Gp has been placed on DS with the 5th ARMY, this date.

One crew reported in and was assigned to the 449th Bomb Group.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS returned all French-Italian escape purses from Wing and Groups to Air Force. This recall was requested by Air Force, as the FI purses are not used by the crews and were an unnecessary responsibility.

Phoned Air Force A-2 to see if they could provide us with a chart outlining at least the general area still mined on the Island of VIS. Crew members of the 450th Group returned from VIS report that there are still some 30,000 land mines on the Island which the Partisans are unable to dig up because the accurate charts have been lost. Air Force is trying to get us this Info through the Liaison Officer with the Adriatic Land Forces.



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Diary, 11 Oct 44

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col MARTIN:- Col BOGGS advised that Liaison Officer would be here today to coordinate special operations - none came.

Capt WOOD reported in with crew - assigned to the 376th Group. Am securing B-24 for assignment to headquarters in accordance with Col KYLE's suggestion.

Major ULLMAN, ex-Group bombardier of 449th Group, will serve approximately 10 days TS with 47th Wing to do field work for A-3. He then returns to U.S.A.

Capt SJOGREN - Inspected the 98th and 449th Bomb Groups (PFF).

Capt VON NUY - Inspected 450th Bomb Group (Gunnery)

TRAINING:-

98th Bomb Group:- 2 a/c - Navigational Flights to Naples.

NO NIGHT AERIAL TRAINING TODAY

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1 PFF a/c assigned to the 450th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION

2 trucks to Bari today to pick up material for Villa.

Notified all Group S-4's of modification kits for converting the open waist windows to the closed type. They are to install them in best operational aircraft only and are to be removed when aircraft becomes war weary. Requisitions will be submitted for kits immediately.

Construction is to begin immediately on the addition to the Weather Station.

Contacted Maj SMITH, Area Eng. and equipment is arriving at 98th and condition should be alleviated in the next few days.

ORDNANCE

Contacted all of the Groups and requested that they pick up 250 short round devices at their respective Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Companies. Each of the Groups are to install same in aircraft for a period of 2 weeks during this time they are to keep a close watch as to its function. At the end of this period they are to render a report to this office as to the results. Although this office feels that this device is not needed in this Wing, it has secured the short device for experimental purposes as it might be some benefit to the Groups.



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ORDNANCE (contd)

During recent days the Groups have request d headspace gages but this item is critical in the Air Force, therefore, have been unable to supply the Ordnance or Armament Sections. Have submitted our needs to Air Force.

The Special lubricating oil for aircraft guns is now available and have informed the Groups.

SURGEON

Maj HALL visited last night. He spent the night and accompanied Col COGLAND to Air Force this morning to a meeting of Wing and Group Surgeons. Col COGLAND expects to remain at Air Force over night.

Lt HUNT is still in the Hospital.

SIGNALS

Lt Col DOTY and Capt HANNAN visited the Radar Installation Depot at GIOIA DEL COLLE. Lt GRACE in charge of all Radar installation for this Wing advised that HCM would be installed in aircraft of the 376th Bomb Group by 20 October 1944.

Arrangements were made between this Headquarters and 15th Air Force to handle all Official correspondence for the 885th Bomb Squadron (Hv) at Brindisi.

CASUALTIES

Nil.



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47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

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10 October 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF
ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Checked with Air Force with reference to Lt KING, of the 450th Group who departed for ZI in war weary aircraft on DS 3 June 44. Lt KING should have arrived at 15th Air Force not later than 16 Sept. Air Force stated that the War Dept must have revoked orders, however Air Force has never received any word from War Dept. Air Force wired for status of these officers and stated that reply should be received shortly.

Requested a Signal Officer from Air Force for 331st Signal Co (Hg). Air Force stated they would check other Wings to see if an officer was available.

Air Force called for our estimated requirements of "key" personnel up to 1 Dec 44. We telephoned our report as follows: 3 Dep CO's; 4 Group Operations Officers; 11 Squadron Commanders and 1 Group Bombardier... Total of 19.

TWX received from Air Force to the effect that Repatriates will be informed that their emergency addressees have been notified by the War Dept of their status, Repatriates will be directed not to correspond by cable or LFW with relatives and friends for at least one week following radio notification to HQ. N.A.U.S.A. of their return. This procedure will permit the War Dept to make official notification to the emergency addressee and to clarify status. Consequently any message subsequently received by relatives will not cause alarm. This procedure together with reason therefore will be carefully explained to each individual. All Groups have been notified.

20 crews reported in and were assigned as follows:
7 - 98th Group
6 - 376th Group
7 - 449th Group.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted weekly report on Wing Operations.

Reported to 15th Air Force that more than 2000 combat crew members from 3 Groups of this Wing had witnessed the movie on "Resisting Enemy Interrogation." Failure of equipment prevented the showing at the 98th Group.

Assisted A-3 in preparations for mission conference with Groups.

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A-2 SECTION

Col WARDEN:- Held meeting with all Group CO's and Operations Officers.

Maj MUGENT - Inspection of 376th Group, bombing.

Maj ELLIOTT - Inspection of 376th Group, navigation.

Capt ROSE - Inspection of 98th Group, navigation.

Capt VON NAY - Inspection of 376th Group, Gunnery . Inspected 98th Bomb Gp, 9 Oct 44.

Capt GRIMMER - Inspection of 449th Group.
Investigated aircraft accident at 450th Group.
C-1 Trainer being installed at 449th Group.

Capt SJOBLOM - Duty Officer.

TRAINING:

98th Group
No training.
21 a/c off on mission.

376th Group
1 - navigational flight
2 - a/c transition
1 - a/c FFF flight
4 - a/c bomb range #4
2 - a/c gunnery range.

449th Group
Field unserviceable

450th Group
2 Field unserviceable
1 - a/c FFF, navigation and bombing.
2 - a/c instruments
1 - a/c bomb range #3.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

COMMAND

All 4 bases of this Wing will be stocked in the next few days with the 260 lb. Fragmentation Bomb. Each aircraft will load twenty bombs.

According to the reports from Air Force the flak suits are still on water.

Contacted Air Force and ordered 9, Armorer's Tool chests for the units which are short.



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Diary, 10 Oct 44.

SIGNAL

Majors KNOX, HABEGER, Captains KORNHUMPH, JORDAN, [illegible], and BLAIR were given the Signal Section indoctrination course. Subjects covered were; Telephone, Teleprinter, Radio, GEE H2X, and RCM. Demonstrations of GEE and H2X were conducted at the 450th Bomb Group Shops.

Due to the bad electrical storm on 9 Oct 44 quite a number of telephone line trouble developed due to blown station fuzes and grounded lines.

On 9 October Capt HARTMAN visited and inspected the 98th Group Radar Section.

The Signal lighting section reports progress on "Squash" court night lights. They are just waiting for the roof to be finished.

Radio Technicians from the Taranto Naval Base were brought down to Wing Headquarters to test the condition of the 5000 Watt transmitter.

SURGEON

Major PETTERSON, 449th Surgeon, visited today.

Lt HUNT is still in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Made arrangements to provide sleeping and eating accomodations for the Italian Variety Show which is scheduled to tour this area 13 October 44.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

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D A I L Y  D I A R Y
(4 pages today)

Monday
9 October 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

The combat-service Pep Meeting scheduled for today, has been postponed until Tuesday, October 17th at the same time and place(450th).

Major SMITH, Area Engineer came by to report of the progress of his incoming unit, tomorrow is the day or is it?

ADJUTANT

Information received from Air Force that VISITS of AAF Personnel to FLORENCE, Italy will be limited to those of an official nature necessary to conduct essential business.

A-1 SECTION

Although 16 crews were due in from GIOIA yesterday, only 13 reported in. We contacted Air Force, and they stated that only 2 of the 3 crews which did not report in will be available for this Command. The remaining 2 crews will be picked up tomorrow morning as well as 18 crews from the 22d Replacement Bn.

NATOUSA has approved the Wing Citation and has forwarded it to the War Department.

The total subscription of the 47th Wing for the AAF Aid Society was fifteen thousand, four hundred sixty-nine dollars and eleven cents. ($15,469.11).

Air Force called us and stated that Major DENNIS has been scratched from the October rotation list we submitted and Col TALLEY put in his place. Air Force sent a Field grade officer to ZI on emergency rotation and charged it to the 47th Wing Quota. We called Col WARNER and registered a strong complaint. It appears that the 47th Wing was the goat on this transaction. We were permitted to substitute a company grade officer in exchange. The officer furnished, was Capt DENMAN, (DC), 376th Bomb Gp.

Legion of Merit Award for 1st Lt MC NULTY, 719th Sq, 449th Group; M/Sgt TRAY, 344th Sq, 98th Group; and M/Sgt JACHIMIEC, Hq Sq 47th Wing were approved by NATOUSA and are ready for presentation to individuals.

Of late, we have been experiencing considerable difficulty in getting requisitions for the several Awards and Decorations filled. The reason we are given is that they are not available. Of the last requisition submitted 4 Oct 44 for 5 different medals, we received only 2; the Silver Star and the Air Medal. We have received no DFC's, Soldier's



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A-1 SECTION (Contd)

Medal or Bronze Stars, in fact we have never seen a Bronze Star. If this continues, very soon, we will not be able to make any presentations, due to lack of decorations. This will undoubtedly be a factor to adversely affect morale. Men who have been favorably considered for Bronze Stars, have never received them. The DFC one of our most often awarded decoration now is beginning to appear in the "non-available state".

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS and Capt CAUSE-MORGON in 15th Air Force at conference on increasing Security consciousness of American airmen. Principal speaker was Wing Commander DAY, RAF, who has directed prisoner of war interrogation work more than 4 years. General BORN stressed need for close S-2, S-3 teamwork at Group and Wing levels.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARREN: Secured permission for 449th to rendy over TARANTO, prior to departure on missions. Minimum altitude 3000 feet.

All Groups may make non-operational ships from 4 combat ships - these must have over 600 hours.

Lt FIESEL reported in as new Headquarters Engineering Officer - sent to line to learn our set-up.

Meeting of Group CO's and Operations personnel called for 1400 hrs, October 10, 1944.

Called TARANTO on new target ship. It is not quite ready yet as Commander WHITE is still making final arrangements with Italians. Ladder for boarding is now on ship and ship will be anchored 2 miles off shore.

Capt GRIMMER:- Each Group is now authorized 16mm Movie Projector for training films. They are being requisitioned. Mobile Sperry Training Unit due to return in approximately 2 weeks. Aircraft for ground training purposes have been requested for each Group from 15th Air Force.

3 aircraft picked up from GIOIA and assigned to 450th Group. 2 of these aircraft have special jamming equipment.

Major NUGENT:- Assigned Sperry Mobile Unit to 98th Group.

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A-3 TRAINING:-

AERIAL TRAINING FOR Oct 9, 1944

98th Group
8 a/c - to bombing range #4
3 PFF to bombing range #4
8 a/c - instrument training - 3 hrs.
1 PFF camera runs on Lecce

376th Group
35 a/c - instrument flying
7 a/c - practice formation
1 PFF practice
4 a/c - gunnery
1 a/c - transition flying

449th Group
16 a/c - formation
6 a/c - bombing range #3
3 a/c - gunnery range.

450th Group
8 a/c - gunnery
8 PFF's instrument calibration
28 a/c - formation
8 a/c - bombing range.

A-4 TRAINING:-

Major BURRIS reports construction of roof on handball court begins today.

Made arrangements with Lt Col MARSHALL to get enough material to complete the General's "VILLA". Material is being picked up at the Eng. Depot, Wednesday morning.

98th is using 5 trucks for Taxi-strips and QM is furnishing 4for runway maintenance. Every thing should be in good shape shortly.

Air Force called and requested the Wing Engineer/Engr Officer attend a meeting at AFSC maintenance section at 1030, 10 October in Re: to Deicer boots for Pathfinder.

Contacted all Group S-4 Officers in regards to OEL Equipment and all report very satisfactory percentage on hand. Ordnance vehicles are 100% except ¾ ton trucks (jeeps) which are approximately 90% complete.

Conference held with Area Engineer in Re: to what is being done on Airdrome maintenance.

ORDNANCE:-

Contacted all of the Group Ordnance Officers and requested that each Ordnance Officer check up on requisitions that they have submitted for parts. Upon completion of their check, they are to send all requisitions one (1) month old to this office and this office will request Air Force to take action.

SURGEON:-

Lt HART was released from the Hospital this morning. Lt HUNT is still in the 26th General Hospital.



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Diary, 9 Oct 44.

SIGNALS:-

Lt Col DOTY and Capt TERRY visited 15th Air Force Headquarters on 8th October 1944. Capt TERRY discussed wire facilities with the Wire Section and completed arrangements for winterization program.

Lt Col DOTY had a long discussion with Lt Col HEDRICK on Radar. Lt Col HEDRICK was not disturbed with the 47th Wing's record considering the age of our planes and number of missions they had flown. He stated that with the 10 new planes coming to the Wing we should be in much better shape. It was agreed that by both he and the Wing Signals Officer working together, our record will improve.

On 9 October, Lt Col DOTY and Capt TERRY attended the regular Air Force Monthly Communications Meeting.

Capt HARTMAN, Radar Officer, visited and inspected the Radar Shop and Radar aircraft of the 98th Bomb Group on the 9th October 44.

SPECIAL SERVICE:-

Making arrangements to have an Italian Variety Show presented to all Groups commencing 13 October. "Fun-Za-Fire" USO Show will tour this area commencing November 1st.

HQ. COMMANDANT:-

Capt OELRICH and I went to Lecce to check the PRO Station. Also stopped at Rest Camp Hotel.

It has become necessary to reduce civilian labor in the Squadron by 60 per cent. We just cannot feed them. This does not effect the crew on the General's villa.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

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Sunday
8 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF
ADJUTANT } Routine duties

A-1 SECTION

We received 4 "mickey"crews with aircraft today and were assigned as follows: 2 to 376th group and 2 to 450th group. We also received 12 crews w/o aircraft from Gioia, which were assigned as follows: 3 to 98th group; 1 to 376th group; 3 to 449th gropp and 6 to 450th group.

Twenty (20) crews are due in Tuesday and between twenty (20) and thirty (30) crews on Thursday. Our crew status is at present: 98th Gp: 70 crews and all other groups have 71 crews. With the estimated arrival of incoming crews, by Thursday, our crew status sho ld be about 81 crews per group.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Aerial Training for Today.

98th Gp - 1 a/c Bomb Range
36 a/c Formation 3½ hrs.

376th Gp - 47 a/c Formation 2½ hrs.

449th Gp - 4 a/c Gunnery Range
3 a/c Bomb Range #3
37 a/c Formation, 2 hrs.

450th Gp - 40 a/c Formation, 2½ hrs.

4 FF ships arrived and were assigned as follows: 2 to 376th Gp and 2 to 450th Gp.

Capt Staley: Tactical Inspection of the 450th Gp on 7 Oct/44.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Sent Capt Russell and sixteen drivers to Depot No. 7 to pick up sixteen 1½ ton trucks which will be distributed equally to groups of this command.

Additional Release Flare Signals are expected and will be sent to respective groups. Sent three replacement of Release Point Markers to 449th Gp.

Requested the groups to requisition Kits for modification of Bomb Service Trucks in accordance with Modification Work Order G85-W14.



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SIGNAL SECTION

RCM installation at 98th Bomb Gp completed, and ready for operation. A-3 was notified.

Lt Col Doty visited the 62nd Service Gp and had conference with Lt Col Marshall relative to Signal and Radar supplies.

Capt Hartman visited and inspected Radar Shops, Radar Aircraft and records of the 376th Bomb Gp on 5 Oct and the 449th Bomb Gp on 6 Oct. Radar maintenance will improve with the adoption of our new policy. Capt Hartman, Radar Officer will spend one day each week with each Group, instructing, supervising, and inspecting Radar Equipment in all its branches.

HQ COMMANDANT

Lt Peasley joined the squadron from 450th Gp and was assigned to duty as Engineering, Armament, Communications and Air Corps Supply Officer.

Visited Capt Movers of 62nd Service Gp S-4 to discuss Supply problems.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY /so

Saturday
7 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Captain PERRY appointed Wing A-4. Capt DAVIS is relieved and awaiting orders to the 55th Wing.

The next Combat-Service PepMeeting will be held 9:00 A.M., October 10th at 450th Bomb Group briefing room. All Section Heads willbe present, except A-2, A-3 and the Weather Office.

Lt Col ROBERT R. GIDEON Jr, has been promoted to a full Colonel.

ADJUTANT

Warrant Officer (jg) ANDREW J. PANGAIOS sworn in as 2d Lieutenant effective this date.

Telephone code name of the 98th Bomb Group will be changed from NEECAP to NOMINATE, effective 8 October 1944.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force stated that it is estimated that by dates as follows our combat crew status per Group will be 30 Oct - 77
30 Nov - 88
30 Dec - 93.

Air Force called and stated that orders returning Capt MADDEN and 1st Lt ANNIN, 376th Group to ZI on transfer of Intelligence Officers with 1st and 3rd Air Forces, willbe ready tomorrow. These officers can pick up the orders at Air Force and proceed as directed.

The Commanding General made presentation of decorations to 450th Group.

One Major and four Captains (Key personnel) reported in.

A-2 SECTION

Capt COX, reporting as an S-2 rotation replacement for Capt La ROWE, 98th Bomb Group, spent the day at Wing Headquarters for indoctrination.

A-3 SECTION

Routine duties.



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A-4 SECTION

Capt FROST, CofE and Capt DAVIS inspected condition of Airdrome at 449th Bomb Group yesterday, Capt FROST will send additional equipment there to remain till CofE Company arrives.

SIGNALS

Capt TERRY requisitioned from the Central Power Construction Co of Taranto a 50,000 watt transformer which will be used to supply the proposed 5000 watt beacon transmitter.

Arrangements are being made to acquire additional material to construct a high-line from the 18000 volt commercial line to the chosen beacon site.

Request by TWX initiated by this office to 15th Air Force Communications for the construction of two circuits British MAL between Nuport and the 35th Field Hospital. Prior to the transmittal of this message Capt TERRY discussed the project with Major HEARST, 15th Air Force Wire Officer, by telephone and was informed that the 2 District CSO would be approached on the matter. No promises were made.

Some material was obtained for the "Winterization" of wire communication within our Groups. We did not get the full quota of our requirements to 15th Air Force.

INSPECTION
ORDNANCE
HQ. COMMANDANT
CWS
SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

SURGEON

All combat personnel being sent home before completion of 50 missions are being reviewed by this office.

Lt HART and Lt HUNT are still in the hospital.

End....



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47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY /so

Friday
6 october 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Mr. Rolland Fowlin reported in to visit this Wing for several days. Mr. Fowlin is here for the purpose of gaining information on the operation of heavy bombardment aircraft.

A-1 SECTION

Asked the Air Force the possibilities of Engineering Officers on DS to ZI be given the opportunity of attending Engineering schools, visiting factories, etc... to bring them up-to-date on their aircraft. Air Force agreed that it sounded good but did not know whether it could be done or not. They were asked to give it their support of which they agreed to do.

approached the subject of promotions and decorations for POW's. Air Force stated that one of their staff officers promised them all promotions and decorations. This promise could not be fulfilled by the Air Force and many recommendations were returned disapproved. In the future Air Force stated that they would see that this did not happen.

Requested two (2) Personnel Equipment Officers for the 98th and 449th Groups. Asked for rated officers that were grounded for physical reasons. Air Force stated they would keep us in mind.

Air Force is asking for an Air Force citation (Rumanian Campaign). Also stated that the three (3) battle stars for air offensive over Europe, French invasion, and Ploesti were still pending.

A certificate for valor for combat personnel and a certificate for merit for ground echelon personnel has been introduced by Air Force. They will be awarded on a relatively automatic basis.

We are getting sixteen (16) crews in from GIOLA 8th October 44.

We are receiving six (6) officers and 21 em tomorrow morning from the 22nd Replacement Bn.



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A-2 SECTION

Arranged with Col BARR, Deputy A-2 15th Air Force, to obtain additional data on Brenner Pass railroad line at 15th Air Force Headquarters on Monday.

Conferred with Investigator 1052d M. P. Co on a plan to check theft of military clothing and equipment by Italian civilian workers.

Lt GILMORE, flak specialist on DS to 98th Bomb Group for 10 days.

Met with Lt Col DAVIS, 450th Group and arranged to move materials from old map storage room in 450th area into another room to provide facilities for Jam-Handy trainers.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARREN: Prepared letter for all Groups on Wing policy when fighter escort is not encountered.

Interviewed two candidates for position as Headquarters Engineering Officers - no one selected as yet.

Major ELLIOTT: Had interview with Capt BROWN of 450th Group on navigation.

TRAINING:

98th Group
2 - PFF bombing on Range #4.
12 - a/c bombing range #4
8 - a/c bombing range #4
4 - a/c, 3 pilots each 1 hr instrument each
1 - a/c, 6 navigators, GEE training
2 - PFF training camera runs.

376th Group
3 - a/c PFF training
8 - a/c instrument training
6 - a/c transition
5 - a/c bombing practice
1 - a/c gunnery range
Airdrome closed until 1430 hrs.

449th Group
8 - a/c instrument training
2 - a/c gunnery range.

450th Group
28 - a/c formation, 2 hrs.
48 - a/c formation, 3 hrs.
4 - a/c Auto Pilot test hops.
2 - a/c XC navigation
3 - a/c transition tests.

A-4 SECTION

Approximately 70% of the timber for project in rear of officers club arrived yesterday.

Capt DAVIS attended a meeting at the 449th Bomb Gp yesterday. Col FLEISCHER, Capt MOYER and Sq Executive Officers were present. Since establishing the new supply system, it is evident that the supply situation has improved 100%. Arrangements are being made to use the same system throughout this Wing.

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A-4 SECTION (Contd.)

Inspection of hard stands, taxi strips, and runways of the 449th Group revealed that 50% of hard stands were serviceable the rest could not be used due to soft spots. The short North-South taxi strip is unserviceable due to large soft holes. The dry weather runway was out, all weather runway can only be used for one mission unless immediate repairs are made, as water had been standing in several low places for 3 days. At present there are only eight (8) enlisted men and three (3) trucks maintaining Airdrome.

Capt McDONALD was told of serious condition of field and promised to transfer equipment there today in order to help out till other Company started work, which will be about one (1) week. He also promised to start repairs on Oria-Manduria Road within a week.

INSPECTION

Completed list of Technical Orders pertaining to B-24 mimeographed and being forwarded to Groups.

Mr. MILLER, Sperry computing sights, was transferred by the 15th Air Force to 55th Wing.

Mr. CARPENTER, Cardanic Company is to work with this Wing and 55th Wing.

Headquarters Squadron books checked and found to be in good order.

ORDNANCE

Checked with Ordnance Department, Air Force, whether or not any officer personnel was available as at present a shortage of 2 officers exists. Negative reply received.

Secured one set of Western Practice Trap for skeet and practice shooting for this Headquarters.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Visited Capt MATHEWS, MTO Post Officer at Brindisi. There is no cement on the docks now. Made tour of docks to see what they did have that we could use but those items we can use are too rigidly controlled.

Picked up 2 truck loads of dunnage from Engineers at 62d Service Gp by arrangement of Capt DAVIS with Capt MOYER. This lumber is to be used on "The Villa".

SURGEON

Lt HART and Lt HUNT are still in the hospital.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.



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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY /sc

Thursday
5 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

2 crews (1 with aircraft) reported in and assigned to 450th Group.

1st Lts EVANS and DURANT, Photo Interpreters reported in and sent to 376th Bomb Gp. They are replacements for 1st Lt ANNIN and Capt MADDEN on exchange of Officers with 1st and 3rd Air Forces.

A-2 SECTION

Advised Groups of 15th Air Force instructions that a check be made of the contents of all escape purses and report made to this headquarters by 14 Oct 44. The investigation was directed because of reports from several evaders - nothing indicates they were from this Wing - to the effect that upon opening their purses in enemy territory, they found money missing.

15th Air Force has called a conference of Wing and Group intelligence officers at Air Force Headquarters for 1000 hours on 15 Oct 44 to discuss the matter of improving security consciousness of new combat crews. This conference is an outgrowth of recent reports concerning the extent to which crew members are disclosing information to enemy interrogators.

Lt Col THOMAS spent 2 hours discussing the A-2 setup and activities with Major HABIGER, newly assigned to the Wing.

A-3 SECTION

Capt ROSE:- Consolidated information gained from Navigators Interrogation Sheets returned by all Groups and submitted information pertaining to A-2 to that Section.

1 PFF aircraft assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

TRAINING:-

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 26 a/c formation, 2hrs | 39 a/c formation 2 hrs |
| 1 a/c instruments and dry runs | |
| 1 a/c checking A-5 | 449th Group |
| 1 a/c navigation flight 1½hours. | 26 a/c formation 2 hrs. |
| 1 a/c transition and check flight. | |
| | 450th Group |
| | 28 a/c formation 2 hrs. |



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Diary, 5 Oct 44.

A-4 SECTION

Col HARRIS, 15th Air Force stated the Adriatic Depot, Bari has adequate stoves to supply the area. The reason for not issuing stoves is due to shortage of fuel, and the QM is under the opinion that gasoline can be conserved if stoves are not issued.

Toofie block, lime and cement, will be issued by the Corps of Engineers for winterizing tents. No lumber is or will be available for tent flooring.

Col DORLAND and Col COLONIE are making an inspection of hard stands, taxi strips and runways of the 4 Bomb groups of this Wing.

The Corps of Engineers heavy equipment for the 449th Bomb Gp will be unloaded 7 Oct 44. The trucks assigned to this Company have not been shipped as yet and no definate date has been set.

INSPECTION SECTION (Welcome to the Daily Diary)... o.

Air Service Command requested information relative to length of time and material necessary to accomplish reinstalling de-icer equipment on all ships. We contacted Operational Engineering and matter was finally straightened out to apply only to Pathfinder aircraft.

Captain McFADDEN's books were checked and found to be in order.

We have been requested to conduct an Administrative Inspection of the detachments of the 366th Infantry within the 47th Wing and this work will start tomorrow.

We are securing from the Groups status of their woolen clothing. The 449th Bomb Gp reports that of the clothing received so far about 70% is Class "B".

SURGEON

Arrangements are being made to assign 3 men at the PRO Station in Lecce. Tomorrow Capt OELRICH will interview prospective men who will be placed on DS with the Wing and assigned to the PRO Station permanently.

The new TO & E for the Bomb Groups and Squadrons has decreased the number of Enlisted Men in the Medical Sections. Arrangements are being made to reclassify some of these men to Air Corps and a couple of them are being transferred to the Service Center.

Lt HART and Lt HUNT are still in the hospital.

Diary, 5 Oct 44.

ORDNANCE

Notified the 98th Bomb Gp and 376th Bomb Gp that in a day or two they will receive five each 1½ ton trucks as replacements for 2½ ton trucks which will be sent to the Ordnance S & M Co for 3rd and 4th echelon maintenance.

A mission of Bomb, Fragmentation, 260 lb., M-81 willbe delivered to 98th and 376th bases in the next few days.

Informed all Groups that sufficient fahnestock clips are now available also requested that special care be taken to inspect arming wires for kinks.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Called all Groups and informed them that a USO Show "FUNZ-A-FIRE" will tour this area from November 1st 'til November 8th inclusive.

Attempting to make arrangements to have the 376th Band play at the Officers' Club of the Adriatic Depot, Saturday, October 7th.

The 450th Bomb Group requested that we move the Special Service supply room from its present location at the old Headquarters to another room in the same area. This was completed this afternoon.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

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Wednesday
4 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Flew with 376th Bombardment Group on the Brenner Pass mission. The following points were noted:-

1. Briefing was excellent.

2. Take-off was excellent.

3. Group assembly "Ragged". Aircraft in attack units was loose and attack units became separated and never got together until they landed at their base.

4. Navigation:-

a. 1. Route out, attack unit, Navigator (Lt R. H. Crowston) was lost, or rather undecided where he was and finally decided to follow the "guy ahead" as he put it.

2. Route back. To close to the Italian coast at Pola and also the coast of Yugoslavia.

b. I.P. was turned OK. but leader flew down directly over the Railroad track from a point west of the I.P. to the target.

c. Bombardier (Lt R. J. Bjorman) picked the wrong aiming point but hit the Railroad tracks.

d. Mickey navigator (Lt D. V. McEvoy) was little help to the "Navigational Delinquency" as his range was only 20/30 miles and that not distinct.

e. Rally:- All boxes were widely scattered.

Meeting of Engineers. Col HARRIS, 15th Air Force, Lt Col SHAW, 21st Engineer Co. Major , SMITH , and Capt GILLESPIE. "No hits, no runs, and no errors".

ADJUTANT

October issue of whiskey to be picked up at Depot #3, Naples, at 1000 hours, 8 October 1944.



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Diary, 4 October 1944.

A-1 SECTION

Reference Daily Diary entry of 3 Oct on exchange of personnel with 1st and 3rd Air Forces, 1st Lt Hern was erroneously given by Air Force. It should have been Capt MADDEN. 376th Bomb Group notified.

Air Force called for a Switchboard operator. We could not fill the request. Air Force was notified that removing this specialty at this time, would prove detrimental to our operation.

5 crews (2 mickey crews, one with a/c and one w/o and 3 regular crews without a/c) reported in and were assigned as follows: 2 mickey crews to 98th Group; one crew to 376th Group; one to 449th Group and one to 450th Group.

1st Lt ROBBINS and 4 enlisted men (all gunnery instructors) reported in and are being assigned to 376th Group.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to all Groups citing the need for further effort on Security indoctrination in the light of reports concerning information being divulged by American airmen following capture. Included were reports developed at the 98th and 376th Groups from interrogation of American POW returned from Bulgaria and Roumania.

At the request of this headquarters, Col YOUNG, ACofS, A-2, Air Force agreed to have a special section on escape information included, where pertinent, in the 15th Air Force Intelligence Annex. Check with Col. BAER and S-2 officers from this Wing who have participated in POW interrogations at 15th Air Force Headquarters indicated that on certain occasions new escape information had not reached this headquarters in time to be included in mission briefings to which it applied.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col NATHEN to 98th - gave instructions on pending night practice. Discussed new Rendezvous corridor - A north-south corridor through each field offers best solution especially for rendy over overcast. Radar maintenance covered - it will be handled under S-3 at 98th.

Col ROGERS says no dope on when Group CO's can go to PLOESTI.

98th Carpet installation about half done.

Requested permission for 449th to disregard Taranto Harbor restrictions during rendezvous - this will give them a better pattern. Col Rogers agrees and will notify us on 5 ~~Sept~~ Oct.

Wire from 15th Air Force directs that 4 non-lead crews be checked out for night work. 15th Air Force had directed service units to prolong runway lights several thousand feet to aid night take-offs.

Told 98th that they could have P-40. 3 new crews interviewed - 2 of them new PFF crews.



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Diary, 4 Oct 44.

A-2 SECTION (Contd.)

Assigned 2 new ships (spot jammers) to 450th. Report on D-Day operations prepared and forwarded to 15th Air Force.

Major MUGANT - Inspected 450th bombing sections on 3 Oct.

Duty officer on 4 October, interviewed 2 new bombardiers.
Major ELLIOTT:-
Capt Brown, 450th Group Navigator came over to discuss the "single long range navigation flights" to take place in the near future. All types of navigation must be employed.

Capt SJOBERG returned from Bari.

TRAINING:

98th Group - 1 a/c P/F to Pionosa
376th Group - field closed until 1300
449th Group - 1 a/c bombing, 1 a/c XC.
450th Group - 5 a/c bombing, 1 a/c gunnery.

A-4 SECTION

Capt DAVIS has gone to Bari to attend conference in office of Air Force Engineer per TWX of 3 Oct 44.

SIGNALS

Mr. Fortunato Sumonte, Supertindent of Power construction and power maintenance in the Manduria area was contacted regarding additional commercial power facilities to supply the proposed 5000 watt beacon transmitter. He will endeavor to obtain from his Company, a transformer suitable for our power needs. Power lines from the transformer site to the beacon site will be either open wire construction or heavy insulated cable, depending on the material available.

Col DOTY returned from the States.

SURGEON

Lt HART and Lt HUNT are still in the Hospital.

CWS

Mess

Due to a critical shortage on ingredients, in particular sugar, ice cream will be served twice each week instead of three times. Ice cream will be served on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

Officers wishing to purchase egg tickets will find them on sale at the Bar, Friday night 7 October 44.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

Tuesday
3 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Lt Col DOTY returned from the Zone of the Interior. To report for duty today.

A-1 SECTION

Major LOUGHRAN, 449th Bomb Gp has been selected to visit the 5th ARMY and will report to 15th AF Flight Section for transportation tomorrow.

Air Force called and wanted to know the status of Capt HICKOK's availability (Intelligence Off, 98th), for duty in War Dept (joint target section). This will be a permanent change. Air Force was notified that he is available for return to ZofI.

Rotation rosters were forwarded to Air Force this date.

Air Force called and stated 1st Lt HEAD and 2d Lt ARMIN both of the 376th Bomb Gp who had been reported to Air Force sometime in June 44 on a permanent exchange basis for officers of the 1st and 3rd Air Forces in ZofI, would be leaving shortly. Air Force will cut orders in the near future, upon receipt of reply to wire they sent, to clarify exchange status of other personnel from other organizations, who were part of the composite total of Officers from this Air Force. Replacements for these 2 Officers are now at Air Force and will be sent to 376th Bomb Gp tomorrow. They are 1st Lt EVANS and 1st Lt DURANT, both Photo Interpreters (8503).

1 Mickey crew reported in and was assigned to 376th Group.

TWX from AF received this date, authorizes and increase from 3 days (as formerly authorized) to 5 days DS at Rome at the discretion of the Wing Commander. Personnel may be recalled at any time after the first 3 days DS as directed by the CG, AAFSC/MTC, in the event facilities become inadequate to accomodate personnel ordered thereto under this policy. Present quota allocations remain unchanged and computations will continue to be based upon the 3 day period, as heretofore, This policy has not as yet been promulgated thoughout the Wing.

5 "mickey" crews with A/c and 5 crews without a/c are due in tomorrow.



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Diary, 3 Oct 44.

A-2 SECTION

15th AF reports a Capt COX has arrived as replacement for Capt TUMODE, Sq S-2, 98th Bomb Gp, who was returned to the States on rotation some 4 months ago.

Capt GROSS, Acting S-2, 98th Bomb Gp, visited headquarters to discuss problems of escape indoctrination and briefing materials.

15th AF requested to recheck Flak photo coverage on Avisio viaduct in the light of crew reports that accurate fire always is received from the mountain tops across the River east of the viaduct, a location in which no guns ever have been plotted.

A-3 SECTION

1 PFF ship assigned to 376th Bomb Gp.

Groups instructed to start night and instrument training.

Requested search lights for each field from Air Force if night training is to start again.

TRAINING:

98th Group
12 a/c - instrument (3 pilots on each ship 1 hr ea.)
11 a/c - formation flying 2½ hrs.
1 a/c - test hop 25,000 ft.
3 a/c - drop practice bombs in harbor.

376th Group
Field closed.

450th Group
48 a/c - formation then bombing - 2 attacks
4 a/c - bomb - frags
1 a/c - XC

449th Group
Field closed.

A-4 SECTION

The 15th AF Engineers (Corps of Engineers) will not approve a power plant for the 366th Infantry located on the 450th Bomb Group Airdrome.

Capt DAVIS visited 15th Air Force and XV AF/Service Cond A-4 Offices and it is believed considerable information was received that will eliminate future supply difficulties.

Monthly whiskey installment was delivered, same will be picked up 8 October 1944. Groups will be notified as to shortages if there is a case or more short. Organization delivering same will suffer loss.

SURGEON

AAF/MTO has approved plans for the construction of buildings for the new Group dispensaries. Air Force is now trying to obtain priority from the Avn. Engineers for these buildings.

Lt HART and Lt HUNT are still in hospital.

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Diary, 3 Oct 44.

SIG.WIS

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

At the meeting of all Ordnance Officers a thorough discussion was had on the functions of the long delay fuzes and its safety features.

It is estimated that additional flak suits will arrive in this Theater within the next 20 days. At present the supply is nil.

Neutral and Narrow have been stocked with one mission of 100 lb bombs.

CWS

BAR and MESS

It has been suggested that eggs be made available to Officers wishing them daily, or several times a week. At the present time the price of an egg is seventeen (17¢) eachand very difficult to obtain. Using last years' prices as a guide, we may expect the price to rise to thirty-five cents (35¢) each at the peak which comes along in November and December.

Obviously the Mess Fund itself cannot support the plan of "eggs daily" so it leaves no alternative than to have a plan by which Officers who wish eggs can pay extra and have them as often as possible. We have placed a "standing" order for one hundred eggs daily, but this was placed 3 days previous to this date, and as yet NO eggs have been obtained.

Tickets are being printed which the Officers will be able to purchase at six for one daollar (6 for $1.00), and when ordering eggs, a ticket will be given the waiter, similar to the Beer ticket plan at the Bar. (Prices of tickets will vary with egg market quotations)

It is also noted that the register at the "guest box" in the Mess, is not being signed. This is necessary as a name must accompany each 25 Lire guest fee, according to regulations. It is requested that Officers having guests make sure that the name of the guest is entered each time, before paying.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Had a call from Capt MOYNR 62d Service Group about light bulbs. They will be returned today. Talked to Mr. Pangalos (Rest Camp) about bulbs and bass fiddle. I will go down tomorrow.



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diary, 3 Oct 44.

HQ COMMANDANT

For those who are planning and building fireplaces be warned that there will not be adquate fuel issued of the type suitable for use in fireplaces.

Contacted the S-4 Office of the 62d Service Group about availability of office desks - None available.

Capt OELRICH and I attend a Dance given by the 62d Service Officers- A very lively time.

OTHER SECTIONS

Nil.

End.....



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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY /so

D A I L Y D I A R Y

Monday
2 October 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

The Wing Provost Marshal's Office has been moved from Manduria to Sava They may now be reached thru NADIR-25.

A-1 SECTION

Meeting of personnel concerned with handling of Awards and Decorations, was held this date. The 4 Groups, including all Squadrons were represented. It is believed the discussion held will prove of benefit to all concerned.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col RICHARDSON, escape Intelligence Officer, 15th AF, telephoned requesting Group S-2's be asked to see that all combat personnel see the training film on "Interrogation of American Troops by German Officers". General TWINING is reported to be very concerned over the extent to which American airmen have been revealing information. The particular film referred to has been shown to the 98th and 376th already, will be at the 450th on Tuesday and the 449th on Wednesday.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARDEN: Sent teletype to Air Force (in answer to their request) stating that proposed policy of assigning 1 non-operational A/C per Squadron was desired. 98th has 2 new Link trainers - one of these is needed in 450th and transfer is being requested.

Major ELLIOTT and Capt GRIMMER have returned from Naples after 2 nights of bad weather.

Capt ROSE: Put out "Navigators' Interrogation Sheet" to be filled out by every Navigator in the Wing, will contain his opinion or recommendations on 20 different subjects. Preparing "Navigators' Information File" which is book like P.I.F. with all subjects either old and reviewed under light of combat or solution to new problems.

Capt VON NOY: Duty officer. Col ZOLLER of 15th AF called that 1 Gunnery officer and 4 Gunnery instructors coming in for assignment.

Capt STALEY and Maj NUGENT went to Bari details tomorrow.

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Diary, 2 Oct 44

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Capt HARTMAN and Lt VETTERS of the 450th Bomb Gp obtained two (2) 220 Volt Three (3) horsepower electric motors from Italian sources. motors are to be used to drive aircraft generators, and 28 Volt direct current output of said generators used in Radar Shop when performing H2X and MCM maintenance.

Capt PAGANO has requisitioned materials for construction of Weather-proof shelter for 5,000 Watt Italian transmitter.

Major WRIGHT and Capt TERRY made arrangements with Italian Naval authorities at Taranto to have experienced radio mechanics check this transmitter and all component parts. Italian Signal Officer believes that any damage or missing parts can be supplied from their naval stocks.

ORDNANCE

Called all Ordnance Officers for a meeting to be held 3 Oct 1944, at 1430 hours.

Carbine and .45 cal ammunition has been made available in limited quantity for training purposes.

Pursuant to request of Major NUGENT checked on the availability of semi-armor-piercing 1000 lb. bombs in the Depots. It is reported that 1000 are at Depot No. 11.

SURGEON

Report from the No. 5 Base Transfusion Unit discloses 1828 donors for the units of the Wing and Service Center.

Lt HART and Lt HUNT are still in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Contacted General RUSH in regards to permitting the 450th Bomb Gp to broadcast the World Series baseball games after their usual sign-off hr.

Called 15th Air Force Special Service Office requesting that the results of all baseball and football scores be made available to this office by telephone or teletype. This information will be forwarded to the 450th Bomb Group Radio Station for broadcasting all sports results.

CWS

Inspection of the 376th Bomb Group and the 449th showed that both Groups are entering into the spirit of "Defense Day" from a CWS standpoint in excellent shape. Masks are being carried by personnel, and being worn for the prescribed ½ hr period. Gas alarms and equipment are very satisfactory in these Groups

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HEADQUARTERS
47th Bombardment Wing (hv)
APO 520 US ARMY

Sunday
1 October 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col Kyle pinned 2d Lt 'Bars' on 2d Lt Charlie Crowder, while Lt Col Walters read the oath. (MON. 2 OCT. 44)

ADJUTANT

Received orders transferring Lt Col SCHMIDT from 376th Bomb Gp to 55th Bomb Wing.

Received information from 15th Air Force on wearing of short jacket.

a. Insignia of rank will be worn on shoulders.

b. Insignia of arm or service and U.S. will not be worn on lapels.

c. Service ribbons and aviation insignia may be worn.

d. Brass buttons will not be used.

Stay of personnel at AAF Rest Camp Rome increased from three (3) to five (5) days at the discretion of Unit Commanders.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force calles us for one Pilot ho had in between 8 & 10 missions to be placed on DS with 885th Bomb Sq. After checking the Groups it was determined that a Pilot could not be furnished without breaking up a crew. Air Force was so notified and they stated that we would not be required to furnish a Pilot.

War Bond sales netted cash amount of $375.00.

Reference AF TWX, Service Records and allied papers of all Officers and EM who were relieved from the July shipment of temp duty are to be forwarded direct to CG Personnel distribution Command, Atlantic City, New Jersey. We had some personnel in this category. Groups notified. Reference records on hand for Officers and EM who have not returned from prior shipments, excluding July shipment mentioned above, will be the subject of a survey and report to Air Force by wire. No action will be taken toward forwarding these records until further instructions are received. Wire report to Air Force giving results of this survey, will also contain information that action has been completed forwarding records of July increment to CG Personnel Distribution Command, Atlantic, City, N. J.

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Diary, 1 Oct 44.

A-2 SECTION

Prepared quarterly report on S-2 Training and other activities for submission to Headquarters, 15th Air Force.

Advised all Groups that 62d Service Group has been requested to put into effect at all bases of this Wing the pass system developed at the 450th Bomb Gp. This is a photographic pass on which it is impossible to change photographs, so that it must be used only by the person to whom originally issued.

Capt GROSS, 98th Bomb Gp, requests the Intelligence annex include a Section on escape whenever new information pertinent to the particular target is at hand.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARDEN: Major Elliott and Capt Grimmer are weathered in at Naples.

Major NUGENT: On 29 Sept held meeting of all Group Bombardiers. 1 October - continued work on second edition of "Why we Miss".

TRAINING:

Stand down for 1 October - Maximum training and maintenance.

SIGNALS

Maj THORPE, Asst Com Off, 15th AF, informed this Office that the 5,000 watt transmitter recently obtained from the Italian Naval Air Station in Sardinia is to be assembled and placed in operation as soon as possible. This Set will be employed as a radio navigation aid in the form of a low frequency beacon, and as such will have and effective power output approximately fifteen (15) times that of any beacon now installed in the Groups in this Wing, or Wings of the 15th Air Force.

Date of operation is dependent upon the construction of a suitable shelter, a 15,000 watt 220 volt three phase power supply, an antenna system, and the general condition of the transmitter and its component parts.

The 450th Signal Const. Bn has been active in winterizing wire circuits effecting wire communications of this Headquarters and its Groups.

SURGEON

Maj LEVY returned from the 98th Bomb Gp today and visited the 449th and 450th Bomb Groups. He is returning to Air Force this afternoon.

Lt HART and Lt HUNT are still in the Hospital. Lt HUNT was transferred to the 26th General Hospital.

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APO 520

DAILY DIARY 30 September 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties

A-1 SECTION

Cash sales of war bonds netted $825.00.

Contributions to AAF Aid Society, netted 8 Life Memberships at $50.00, 2 Donations of $10.00 for Benefactor Membership and 14 Benefactor Memberships, to tatal 24 memberships, with a cash total of $490.00.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties

A-3 SECTION

Capt Staley made Tactical Inspection of 98th Bomb Gp.

Group Training:

98th Group - 2 A/C PFF Camera runs.
1 PFF Range #4
4 A/C Navigation flights
2 A/C Calibration & Swing compass.
1 A/C Gunnery Range

376th - 5 A/C Transition flts
4 A/C Navigation Flts
Decoration and Parade.

449th Group - 4 A/C Navigation Flights
5 A/C Range #3
2 A/C Calibration instruments
3 A/C Transition Flights

450th - 12 A/C Formation
2 A/C Practice Bombing
3 A/C Transition Flts

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties

ORDNANCE

Attended meeting of all Wing Ordnance Officers at 15th Air Force.

SURGEON

Maj Levy, 15th AF Psychiatrist, is visiting all of the Gps. He is staying at the 98th Gp tonight after visiting the 376th Gp.

Lt Hart and Hunt are still in the hospital.

A-4 SECTION CONT'D

This section has not been able to contact the new area Engineer.

Two more rows of blocks were added to the Villa yesterday.

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A-4 SECTION CONT'D

Capt Davis will proceed to Bari tomorrow.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Friday
29 Sept 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Talked to Col R. K. TAYLOR, CofS, 15th Air Force about the 5th Wing getting double credit on a PLOESTI mission, after the 15th Air Force reduced it to one (1). He said that he would investigate it and let me know, "Who's wrong".

Lt Col THOMAS and Lt Col WALTERS get together on a good letter of commendation for Colonel P. M. BARR to General TWINING for General MUSH's signature (make it a good one).

General MUSH called Col WARNER about Squadron Commanding Officers', etc..should get some in 5 days.

Col WARNER says that we will get a new rotation policy letter today or tomorrow, in which more ground officers can return to the States 30 days DS.

DEFENSE DAY on October 2, 1944, Monday.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

6 crews reported in and were assigned as follows:
2 - 98th Bomb Gp
1 - 376th Bomb Gp
1 - 449th Bomb Gp
2 - 450th Bomb Gp.

TWX received from Air Force in substance as follows: Former prisoners of war, when returned to our control for final administration processing by us will be given priority over all other administrative details and will be given the most expeditious handling possible. All pay, awards and decorations, personnel records and other allied administrative matters will be completed in accordance with current directives. Units will be responsible for recovery of personal effects from Adriatic Base QM Depot. Personnel will be returned promptly as directed by Air Force. All Groups notified.

Air Force informed us that AAF/MTO has approved the Wing Citation..



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Diary, 29 Sept 44.

A-2 SECTION

Col BARR and Lt Col THOMAS visited the 98th and 376th Bomb Groups Col BARR speaking at a general meeting at each base on the Balkans situation.

Conferred with Major BARTLETT, S-2, 449th Group, relative to personnel adjustments required to bring Intelligence Sections into conformity with the new Table of Organization for Heavy Bomb units. Advised Major BARTLETT that in conformity with the new T/O he should classify only 2 of his clerks in each Squadron as 631's, even though they were all graduates of an Intelligence School, and the other 2 as 405's, even though this means risking their loss if there is a draft on 405's.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN: - Secured estimate on immediate needs for key flying personnel as follows:

1. 376th Bomb Gp - want 3 Squadron CO's as soon as possible. (One Captain assigned today).
2. 450th Bomb Gp- need 2 Squadron CO's. One has finished and one is about to finish.
3. 449th Bomb Gp - need 2 Squadron CO's. One has finished and one is about to finish. (One Major asgd today).
4. 98th Bomb Gp - Deputy Group CO and Operations Officer needed.

449th Bomb Gp field bogged down in mud today. 98th, 1/3 runway unserviceable due to rain. Approved 98th Group request to practice with new radio release mechanism which works off marker beacon. (Air Force gave OK also in spite of recent restriction).

Sent Fighter Command copies of Wing aircraft markings.

With arrival of 10 new PFF ships pending (some here now) our PFF maintenance should become as good as other Wings. Requested that Capt HARTMAN conduct immediate survey of PFF ships and give A-3 recommendations and deficiencies so that immediate action can be taken to overhaul this program and Group CO's support obtained.

Major ELLIOTT:- had conference with Capt HOWARD, Group navigator of 449th Bomb Gp.

Capt SJOBERG:- 450th has 4 new ships coming with special enemy radar jamming equipment. One is to arrive at 450th tomorrow (weather permitting) and other 3 are at GIOIA awaiting further equipment. 450th has personnel especially trained to maintain this equipment.



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Diary, 29 Sept 44.

A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

TRAINING:-

98th Bomb Gp
12 - a/c bomb range #4
16 - a/c 1 hr instrument flying
1 hr calibration check

376th Bomb Gp
Runway closed till 1530hrs.

479th Bomb Gp
A/D unserviceable till further notice.

450th Bomb Gp
64 hrs. instrument flying
1 a/c - gunnery range
3 a/c - transition.

A-4 SECTION

Capt MOYAR is making arrangements to have stoves manufactured by the S & M Companys and Service Squadrons for use in Wing Headquarters. The number that can be manufactured is not definate as yet.

The A-4 Section was assigned a new Jeep.

Grease pencils are available thru CofS Supply.

SURGEON

Capt DODD was returned to duty today. (hooray) Lt HART and HUNT are still in the hospital...

ORDNANCE

Replaced 4 old Jeeps with 4 new Jeeps.

Contacted all of the Groups regarding new Belt Feed slide assembly and belt feed pawl for aircraft machine gun. As soon as the Groups submit their needs, will make request upon Air Force to supply us with same. The new Belt Feed Slide assembly increases the load lifting capacity, improving feeding operation when a long ammunition belt is used.

It is proposed to have all of the turrets equipped.

This is the End, today.



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APO 520 US ARMY

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Thursday
28 September 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Lt DUTTON, 15th Air Force, Com Section completed installation of radio beacon at 450th Bomb Gp airfield and returned to 15th Air Force Headquarters this date.

A-1 SECTION

6 crews (5 crews and 1 with aircraft) reported in and assigned as follows:

1 - 376th Bomb Gp
5 - crews to 449th Bomb Gp.

Air Force stated that we are getting 5 additional "mickey" crews with aircraft tomorrow.

1st Lt MORGAN reported in on DS from 5th ARMY. He will be sent to 376th Bomb Group.

Capt JACKSON reported in and assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

Per Air Force TWX, organization are required that reorganization per new T/O be accomplished not later than 5 October 44 and report be made to Air Force not later than 1 Oct 44. Copies of General Orders will be included. Groups notified and directed to have report at this Headquarters not later than 30 Sept 44 so that we may comply with Air Force suspense date.

Air Force notified us that W/O Pangalos, Hq 47th Wing, and M/Sgt Weeks 98th Bomb Gp are being promoted to 2d Lts. effective 7th October 44.

A-2 SECTION

Wednesday - Col BARR and Lt Col THOMAS inspected the 449th Gp, and Col. BARR spoke on the Balkans to members of the Group and Squadron Staffs.

Thursday - Copies of photogra hs obtained in Yugoslavia forwarded to all Groups for use in escape briefing since they illustrate insignia weapons, etc...

In line with change in Intelligence personnel allowances provided by the new Group T/O, a roster of Intelligence Officer personnel in headquarters and Groups of this Wing prepared for forwarding to 15th Air Force. The new T/O reduces the Squadrons from 3 to 2 Officers (which is all most Squadrons in this Wing ever had), and provides that one of the two shall be a Photo Interpreter. It is difficult to understand the reasoning behind this increase in PI personnel.

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Diary, 28 Sept 44

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARREN: 10 new PFF ships are being assigned to Wing - this will build each Group up to 6.

Called Col HITT and requested another B-25. He promises one.

98th called saying crews were unhappy because some 5th Wing crews were getting double credits on PLOESTI.... Air Force says they cannot approve any for us and the decision would be up to General TWINING.

Major ELLIOTT and Capt ROSE: Started a navigators' Info File to be distributed to the Groups and supplemented from time to time as the material warrants.

Lt SJOBERG: Was promoted to the rank of Captain.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 18 - a/c formation & instrument flying. | |
| 1 - a/c navigation flight. | No training... Runway closed. |
| 10 - a/c instrument calibration. (navigation instruments) | |
| 3 - a/c PFF camera runs. | |
| 2 - a/c Gunnery, then instrument flt | |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 1 - a/c navigation flight | 4 - a/c transition flight |
| 1 - a/c transition flight | 1 - a/c navigation flight. |
| Normal ground training. | |

A-4 SECTION

Capt GILLESPIE was relieved as Area Engineer, Capt McDONALD is acting area Engineer until Lt Col DAVID F. SHAW arrives and takes over.

As yet there is no definite date of arrival of heavy equipment for the Company that arrived. The men are at some Camp at present undergoing basic training....

Col GRNT and Lt Col FLEISCHER were contacted with regards to the new Group supply set-up, but neither would give or make a definite decision.

SURGEON

Air Force was contacted by phone on the possibility of returning Capt ASH, 513th Sq of the 376th Gp to the U.S. Air Force advises a letter for emergency rotation.

Col COGLAND is still at the 98th Group. Capt DODD, Lt HART, and Lt HUNT are still in the hospital.



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Diary,28 Sept 44.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Made distribution to all Groups of the pamphlet "Army Talks", which contains a synopsis of "THE GI. BILL OF RIGHTS". A considerable amount of interest has been shown concerning this subject by all units of this command.

Final arrangements were made for the distribution of tickets for the KATHARINE CORNELL, USO Show. Reserved seats will be available for all Group Commanders and their guests.

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APO 520 US ARMY

Wednesday
27 September 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

1st Lt GUAY transferred to this Headquarters and detailed to duty as Asst A-4 with additional duties as Officer Courier.

A-1 SECTION

We received quota for rotation from Air Force today. Quota of 37, of which 21 will return to the US on temporary duty. Of these, 2 will be Officers and 19 will be enlisted men. 16 will be returned on permanent change of station. Of these 2 will be Officers and 14 enlisted men. This is a substantial change over past policy.

Air Force notified us that we are getting 5 crews tomorrow, to be picked up at 22d Replacement Bn.

All reports of approved and eligible applicants for naturalization will be submitted to Hq 15th Air Force and not to the nearest base section. All Groups notified.

Air Force notified us that we will have 5 crews to be picked up at GIOIA, 29th Sept 44. In addition 5 Mickey crews with aircraft are due in 28th or 29th Sept 44.

It is estimated that we will lose 32 crews by 3rd October 1944.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Capt VON NOY duty officer. Major Elliott, talk with 450th Bomb Gp navigator, Capt Brown. Capt ROSE with a Sgt. enlarged the Airfield Map in the duty room adding Friendly Fields in France.

TRAINING:

98th Bomb Gp
8 - a/c range #4
1 - a/c camera runs on Lecce
24 - a/c formation
1 - a/c navigational hop to Rome.

376th Bomb Gp
No training, runway closed until 1600 hrs.

449th Bomb Gp
9 - a/c bomb range #3
6 - a/c calibration
4 - PFF a/c camera runs
4 - a/c gun range
7 - a/c transition w/1 hr formation.



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Diary, 27 Sept 44

A-3 SECTION

450th Bomb Gp (TRAINING, Contd.)
28 - a/c formation
4 - a/c navigation flights
4 - a/c navigation XC
3 - a/c transition flights

A-4 SECTION

A meeting was held in the Wing War Room by Col KYLE, Col MARSHALL, and his entire Staff, from the 62d Service Gp attended. Wing representatives were, Ordnance, Inspection, Adjutant, and A-4 Section.

The duties of the Service Group were clearly outlined by Colonel KYLE, and agreed on by all Officers attending the meeting. In the past this Wing had not been given proper cooperation by the Service Group in that the Wing A-4 Section and Group S-4's had to obtain supplies themselves without the aid of the Service Group.

It was agreed, that in the future all Supply problems would be brought to the attention of the Service Groups S-4 which in turn would contact the Officer in charge of unit Air Corps Supply, quartermaster, etc.. who would do all in his power to obtain supplies and inform Bomb Groups as to the proper method of submitting requisitions.

The Wing A-4 Section will coordinate all Supply problems of the Wing, with the 62d Service Groups.

Capt MOYER will requisition rock crushers for the 376th, 450th, and 449th Bomb Groups without delay.

The C of E has started repairing south end of runway and taxi strips at the 450th Bomb Group.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN went to Bari today. Capt DODD and Lt HART are still in the hospital. Lt HUNT admitted to the hospital today.

ORDNANCE

Contacted all of the Groups and directed them to requisition salvage canvas tents and to make arrangements with parachute section in respective Groups to repair automobile tops with materiel requisitioned.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

End.



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Tuesday
26 Sept 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

COMMANDING GENERAL

Mr. ROLAND POWERS, will visit this Wing for a number of days for the purpose of gaining information on the operation of Heavy Bombardment Aircraft. All Chiefs' of Sections are to provide any assistance or information desired by this individual.

~~Lt~~ Lt. Col. DAVID F. SHAW is the new Area Engineer.
Capt GILMER IE is going to Foggia area.

CHIEF OF STAFF

I think that it is past-time for the 47th Wing to have a show-down on the:

a. Supply procurement agencies for the Wing, who's working for who? I am having a meeting with Lt Col MARSHALL and Capt MOVER this morning and I propose to make the 62d Service Group accountable for all supply procurement, with Wing A-4, acting only as coordinator and Wing supply policy agency.

b. ~~The~~ Engineer Airdrome construction , as there is entirely too much messing around...

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

All applications for temporary appointment to WOJG under provisions of AR 610-15 are suspended at once. Additional information will be forwarded upon receipt from higher headquarters. All Groups notified. This per Air Force TWX.

All requests for discharge of enlisted personnel under provisions of AR 615-360, will be forwarded to Air Force final action. MATOUSA Circular 40, cs, which authorized all general officers to order discharge from the Army has been rescinded by MATOUSA Circular 117, cs, Her Air Force TWX.

Per Air Force TWX, effective 27 Sept 44 and every 7 days thereafter. units furnishing exchange personnel for 5th ARMY will insure that transportation is on hand at 15th Air Force Flight Section Bari Airdrome, not later than 1300 hrs. to transport 5th ARMY exchange personnel to our Wing.

Air Force notified us that we are receiving 1st Lt GRAY (grounded Bombardier) as a Supply Officer. It is contemplated assigning him to A-4.

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Diary, 26 Sept 44, Tuesday.

A-2 SECTION

Colonel P. M. BAER' Deputy ACofS, A-2, 15th Air Force, inspected A-2 Section this headquarters, spoke on the Balkans situation at the weekly operations conference, and later visited to 450th Bomb Group. He spoke at the 450th Bomb Gp outdoor Theater at 1900 hours.

A-3 SECTION

Major ELLIOTT and Capt NYSTROM, 98th Bomb Gp Bombardier, proceeded to 449th Group and inspected their Navigation set-up.

TRAINING:

98th Group
1 - PFF a/c on #4 range
17 - a/c on #4 range

376th Group
4 - a/c on gunnery range

449th Group
No training. Field closed

450th Group
28 - a/c practiced formation and bombing.
2 - a/c GEE flights
2 - a/c transition

Lt SJOBERG attended meeting at Air Force concerning Radar. Took all Section maintenance chiefs and Capt HARTMAN along.

Air Force advises that we get 4 new PFF ships right away.

Called Col HITT and requested 7 new aircraft in exchange for 7 war weary aircraft of 98th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION

Capt DAVIS attended a meeting at the 449th Bomb Gp. Colonels FLETCHER, RANDOLPH, Capt MOYER and a member of the 348th Service Sq were present. It is believed that no supply troubles will be encountered in the future, now that there is a thorough understanding of submitting requisitions and Forms 8, in accordance with 15th Air Force, and XV AFSC publications. The 449th Group has also appointed a supply officer. In the past the S-4 Officer was Eng & Supply Officer.

Capt MOYER was contacted with regards to requisitioning rock crushers for the 376th, 450th, and 449th Groups. He stated that the Service Group was not going to requisition any rock crushers, but would furnish adequate gravel.

Capt JACKSON, S-4, 450th Group informed this office that 2 Cletracks loaned to the Cof Engineers for Airdrome maintenance had been dead-lined and that the Engineers had asked for 2 more, but that he could not let them have 2 additional.

Capt GILLESPIE asked for 2 prime movers to be used at the 376th Gp for towing F1 field servicing units that are to be used as water distributors. The Bomb Squadrons cannot furnish same, the 62d Service Gp will be contacted.

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Diary, 26 Sept 44, Tuesday

ORDNANCE

Held meeting of all Group Ordnance Officers.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND has gone to the 98th Bomb Gp for a couple of days of inspection.

Capt DODD is still in the hospital. Lt HART was admitted to the hospital with a sprained ankle.

SPACIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

OTHER SECTIONS

nil.

End.....



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY /sc

Monday
25 Sept 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col WILSON, Lt Col THOMPSON, and Lt Col FLEICHER were in and the following points discussed:

a. Wearing of leather jackets only while flying or on duty involving flying (duty hours)
P.S.: No one in this Headquarters can wear a leather jacket, except while flying. (Officers and Enlisted Men).

b. Serving of hot meals to combat crews returning from a mission.

c. Packing and crating (all 3 said that they had at least 90% of their requirements).

d. Replacements for V. H. Cadres some of them are terrible..... average about 85/90 GCT.

e. Rotation. All emphasized the fact that continuing rotation as we are now doing it and receiving the poor grade of replacements that we are receiving (when and if we do) our units are being gradually de-valuated.

f. Winterazation was stressed very strongly. All were squared away on tentage, although some of the new tents leaked.

g. Instructed all of them to secure rock-crushers (98th has 3)

"UNIFORM CHANGE SUNDAY" Oct 1st 44

Defense Day moved up to Oct 2nd 1944 due to the plea of the Padres....

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Quota for rotation this month has not as yet, been received. A check with Air Force reveals that a change in policy will be received shortly. Air Force states policy will be that 52% of personnel going home on rotation will be on temporary duty and return to this Theater.

Capt JACKSON sent down from Air Force for interview for tentative transfer, has been approved for transfer by this Wing. AF has been notified.

A check with AF indicates that it is contemplated that we will receive a quota for Rest Camp in Paris on or about 15 Nov 44.... .....

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Diary, 25 Sept 44

A-1 SECTION (Contd)

Lt Col SCHMID, 376th Bomb Gp is being transferred by Air Force to 55th Wing.

A-2 SECTION

15th Air Force advises that a number of intelligence officers have reached MAAF and should be available within a few days. No information yet as to the exact number which can be allocated this Wing. Two Squadrons are down to one S-2 officer each, and every Group is short. The 98th Bomb Gp has asked for loan of one officer to tide them over, especially Major BAUER is hospitalized with jaundice.

Requested, in the case of evaders not eligible for immediate return to the States and so returned to Groups, that 15th Air Force tells these men they are not eligible for return and not advise that it was "up to you Group or Squadron." Such reports apparently have caused some morale problems.

Major BARTLETT, Group S-2, 449th Bomb Gp visited headquarters to discuss personnel matters and data for a possible Group citation.

Capt CAWSE-MORGON visited all Groups checking on "escape rooms".

A-3 SECTION

Col WARDEN; 98th Bomb Gp notified that they will receive "carpet". Col ZOLLER, 15th AF training officer, here with part of his staff - they will inspect the Wings' training in next few days. Lt SJOBERG to 15th AF to attend PFF conference.

Major NUGENT: Experimented with disc frag bombs, on target #3 - 4 releases - 2 doubles - 2 singles. Talked with Col ZOLLER (15th AF) on training program. Lt WALLACE, 15th AF bomb school on procedure, class room, subjects, exams, etc. Explained basis of "Why we Miss."

Major ELLIOTT: Conference with 15th AF training section - indoctrination of new Navigators - want photo strip of airspeed calibration course.

TRAINING:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 24 - a/c Formation (split up 3 a/c to box). | * Field closed until 1430 hrs. |
| 2 - PFF instruments | |
| 2 - PFF's to #4 bombing range 10 bombs each. | |
| 1 - PFF on camera run | |
| 3 - a/c G-1 bomb range - 10 bombs each. | |
| 3 - a/c to gunnery range. | |
| 1 - a/c navigation transition. | |

Diary, 25 Sept 44

A-3 SECTION (Contd)

449th Group
27 - a/c formation
9 - a/c to #3 bombing range
9 - a/c calibration.
3 - a/c XC
2 - a/c PFF
4 - a/c transition.

450th Group
16 - a/c to #3 range
2 - PFF to #3 range
7 - Navigation flights
2 - calibration missions.

A-4 SECTION

The reason for so many requisitions submitted by units of this Wing being disapproved by the XV AFSC is that units were not submitting requisitions in accordance with this monthly publication (HQ 15 AF and XV AFSC, Air Supply policy and Procedures) Investigation revealed that this publication was not reaching all units. Arrangements have have been made to obtain a large quantity of publications.

There is no set number of Navigator-Bombardier modification kits. Groups can obtain as many as desired for lead ships. 500 kits were made up in the States and should be on the way over now.

TO-01-5EC2 which deals with rigging of B-24 airplanes was flown from the States and will be reproduced in a day or two.

ORDNANCE

With Major GARRISON and Col KYLE discussed the transportation problem of the 909th ABS Bn.

CO of the 366th Infantry Detachment brought his transportation difficulties to the attention of this office. Contacted the Depot and the 1647th S & M Co. and requested that work on the repair of the vehicles of this Company be completed as soon as possible.

Discussed with Lt Col WALTERS the transfer of four ¾ ton trucks from the 98th Bomb Gp to 449th and 450th Bomb Gps respectively.

Contacted the Service Group about the assignment of new vehicles to the 98th, 449th, and 450th Bomb Groups.

Secured four pistols for the 331st Signal Co to be used by the guards on the courier run.

SURGEON

A report on combat tours was submitted to 15th Air Force today in reply to their request.

Captain DODD is still in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

Sunday
24 September 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

All units advised not to place any personnel on DS at the Wing Rest Camp Hotel in Lecce during the period 26 Sept to 1 October 1944 as all accomodations will be taken up by the KATHARINE CORNELL Show.

Headquarters 15th Air Force has authorized not to exceed two (2) administrative personnel to accompany each war weary combat crew to CAIRO. Allotment to be equally divided between offices and enlisted men. Total personnel aboard aircraft is not to exceed 12. All Groups notified.

A-1 SECTION

Effective immediately all correspondence pertaining to assignment or transfer of Officers and enlisted personnel will state the specification serial number of each individual. This includes orders and requests for orders. This per TWX from Air Force. All Groups are being notified by promulgation in ~~Daily~~ Weekly Bulletin.

1st Lt BROCK on DS with A-3 Section of AF from 376th Bomb Group will have his DS extended 30 days. His original DS terminated 17 Sept 44. This is a deviation of normal AF policy of retaining personnel on DS for more than 30 days, after which time personnel if desired, would be transferred.

Reference Memo 35-30, 15th Air Force, which requires the listing of combat missions on Officers form 66-1 or 66-2 and in the Service Records of enlisted men, Air Force to hold up on entries, since this Memo may be rescinded. Groups were notified.

A-2 SECTION

Drafted letter on current estimate of enemy ground troop order of battle for distribution to Groups.

TWX to all Groups advising as to means of identifying Swiss border location.

Letter to all Groups advising them as to changes in the Wing Memo 45-1, Escape Intelligence, to bring it into conformity with the newly issued 15th Air Force Memo 45-6 on this same subject.

Diary, 24 Sept 44

A-3 SECTION

49th Wing Operations personnel were down to check on bomb release and general operations.

Group Training:

| 98th Group | 376th Group |
|---|---|
| 3 - a/c on Range #4 | 2 - a/c on local transition |
| 1 - a/c on #3 bomb range | 1 - a/c on high altitude test flt |
| 2 - PFF a/c on range #4 | 1 - a/c on bomb range #3 |
| 1 - a/c on gunnery range. | |

| 449th Group | 450th Group |
|---|---|
| 28 - a/c practiced formation | 4 - a/c lead crews on range #3 |
| 8 - a/c on range #3 | 1 - a/c PFF on #3 range |
| 11 - a/c calibrated instruments | 4 - a/c on transition flts |
| 4 - a/c gunnery range | 3 - a/c on navigation flts |
| 3 - a/c PFF camera bombing | 3 - a/c on gunnery range |
| 1 - a/c on range #3 | |
| 6 - a/c on XC hops. | |

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN is visiting at the 376th Bomb Group.

Major HALL, Surgeon of the 98th Bomb Group visited to discuss medical supplies.

Capt DODD is still in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE SECTION

Called Capt MOVER, 62d Service Gp S-4 Officer, requesting that the Greco Theater in Lecce be requisitioned from 26 Sept through 1 Oct for the purpose of presenting the KATHARINE CORNELL, USO Show. Capt BRAHAM, also of the 62d Serv Gp called and said that the Katharine Cornell USO Show tickets would be available Monday morning and that the posters will be ready Tuesday.

Lt ADAMS, 15th Air Force Special Service, called and informed this office that another USO Show will tour this area beginning 2 October, and will continue for a period of 6 days. These dates are subject to change.

Called Major MAC QUESTION, 15th Air Force Soldier Voting Officer, requesting that this Headquarters be supplied an additional 200 Federal ballots for distribution to units of this command.

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Diary, 24 Sept 44.

ORDNANCE

Made arrangements with the 449th and 450th Bomb Group to have each sent 25 drivers and Officer to pick up 50, ¼ tone, Trucks, 4x4, at Depot No. 7. This makes eighty (80) jeeps that have been assigned to units of this command. Each organization in the Wing will be up to 95% strength of its authorized vehicles.

Discussed with Major GARRISON, 909th ABS Bn the overage of vehicles that his organization has over its T/B allowance. If this organization is forced to comply with NATOUSA directive it will be stripped of transportation, thus unable to provide guard at the posts that it now serves. After discussing this matter with Lt SMITH, Air Force, and not obtaining any solution it was decided to take the matter up with the Chief of Staff.

All of the Groups report that the release point flares are functioning satisfactorily and that all the Groups like it. Requested that 600 additional flares be manufactured immediately. Other Wings of the Air Force are requesting and are using the Release Point Marker, also voicing their approval of it.

Have made request to Air Force for 67 power winches. These will be mounted on the front of Bomb Service Trucks.

In conjunction with Air Force have worked out a plan whereby the Groups will be able to send five 2½ ton trucks to the Depot for overhauling and during the period of overhauling the Groups will receive five 1½ ton trucks on Memorandum Receipt thus not hampering operations of the Group a least bit.

Made an urgent request to Service Group for additional .45 cal. buck-shot ammunition. This ammunition will be placed in dinghy of new aircraft assigned to the Groups. This ammunition is intended for killing small game while afloat for extended periods.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine.

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APO 520

23 September 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties

ADJUTANT

Directive on wearing of the uniform received from 15th AF. All units of this command to change to woolen clothes 1 October 1944.

12th AF Headquarters closes Foggia 2359 hours 23 September 1944 and opens Florence, Italy the same time.

A-1 SECTION

Routine duties

A-2 SECTION

Letter to all Groups advising of changes made necessary in counter intelligence reporting procedures as a result of new directive from 15th AF.

Lt Gillan attended the mission planning and briefing activities at 450th Group Friday night and Saturday morning to study methods of improving the contents of the Wing Intelligence Annex.

Prepared analysis of present GAF strength and recent trends for the Wing Commander.

Hereafter the route flak chart which accompanies each mission will include the location of what A-3 considers the two best emergency landing fields in addition to the location of ASR launches.

A-3 SECTION

Capt Bason: Letter from AF authorized the attendance of four Personal Equipment officers at 15th AF Personal Equipment School beginning 25 Sept/44 and ending 4 October/44. Selected one officer from each group.

Major Nugent: Had a conference with operations officers from the 49th Bomb Wing.

Capt Staley: Reported for duty after a tour on the 5th Army front.

Group Training:

| 449th Group Training | 376th Group Training |
|---|---|
| 1 a/c Test Hop | 1 a/c Alt. Check. |
| 5 a/c on #3 Range | |



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A-3 SECTION CONT'D

98th Group Training
6 a/c on Pianosa Range
3 a/c Formation
2 a/c Gunnery Range
1 a/c on #4 Range

450th Group Training
1 a/c Test Hop
1 a/c on #3 Range

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties

SURGEON

Col Cogland inspected the 450th Gp today.

AF was contacted on a replacement for the 345th Sq Surgeon, 98th Gp. Orders were published 9 September for a replacement but he has not reported as yet.

A-1 SECTION CONT'D

1st Lts Linn & McKinner from 5th Army were picked up at Bari and brought to Wing. They will be sent to groups. They were supposed to arrive Wed. 20 Sept/44 and were delayed due to transportation difficulties.

1st Lt Wilkes was assigned to us from AF. He has been placed on duty in A-1, Wing.

We had been notified on 22 Sept/44 to return Capt Rehm, Flight Surgeon, 98th Gp to the states on combat crew rotation. He has been transferred to the 301st Bomb Gp. AF was notified. (See dialy diary entry of 22 Sept/44).

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APO 520 US ARMY

Friday
22 September 44

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Still on "inspection tour".

ADJUTANT

1st Lt HENRY M. WILKES, has been assigned to this headquarters for duty in the A-1 Section as classification and assignment officer. Reported for duty this date.

The Commanding Officer, 514th Squadron has invited the Commanding General and his staff to a party to be held at the Squadron Officers' Club commencing 1800 hours, 23 September 1944.

A-1 SECTION

Capt LOCKHART, Asst Group Operations Off, 376th Bomb Gp has been selected to go to the 5th ARMY on 27th Sept 44.

We were notified by Air Force to return Capt REHM, Flight Surgeon, 98th Bomb Gp to the states on rotation as "combat crew rotation". Capt REHM, desires to return to the states and get into Very Heavy Bombardment Cadre.

Reference TWX from Air Force , War Dept has given authority to make promotions and to cancel rotation replacements for such vacancies, now outstanding for six months or more. A consolidated alphabetical list is required from each command showing name Rank Serial number and monthly increment of all unfilled rotation vacancies for 1 March 1944 and prior months. List to be identified with caption "unfilled rotation vacancies for 1 March 44 and prior months". No replacements will be cancelled or promotions made untillist has been approved by NATOUSA. This authority is not continuing but is War Dept dispensation for stated period only. For immediate compliance to Air Force. All Groups notified.

A-2 SECTION

Request submitted to ACofS, A-2, 15th AF, to have sufficient copies of post-raid reconnaissance photographs sent to the Wing for Group distribution. At present only one copy is received. Col YOUNG and Maj BOYDEN indicated the additional copies might be delayed until the afternoon delivery, but could be obtained.

Col BARR reports he will arrive Monday to make his series of talks on the Balkan situation.

Capt CAWSE-MORGON investigated counter intelligence setup at 376th Group.

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A-2 SECTION (Contd.)

Letter to 1052d Military Police Co requesting it begin submitting regular counter intelligence report such as is required of all other units assigned to the Wing.

TWX to all Groups advising of restriction on bombing in Italy.

A-3 SECTION

Carpet Equipment at GIOIA for one Group - Installation starts Tuesday.

1 Officer and 6 enlisted men will leave for GIOIA on installation of SPOT Jammers. 6 aircraft of each Group will be equipped.

Meeting with Group Operations Officers on new weather sector forecast observation discussed by General BORN yesterday at nutmeg. Training, Non-operational and Operational flights discussed.

Received 1 B-25C from GIOIA - Col Blase of 449th Bomb Gp pick up same for Group. Aircraft will remain in Group as permanently assigned.

Major ELLIOTT, Major MOSELEY, and Capt GRIMMER attended meeting of Operation Officers and Weather men at Air Force yesterday.

A-4 SECTION

Capt DAVIS went to Bari to check on supplies.

A-3 SECTION (Contd)

TRAINING:

98th Group
3 - a/c bomb range #4, then gunnery range.
2 - a/c PFF missions - high altitude
1 - a/c PFF camera run
3 - a/c transition of new crews

376th Bomb Gp
None.

449th Group
1 - a/c bomb range #3
4 - a/c bomb range
2 - a/c navigational flights
1 - a/c Local XC
3 - a/c transition

450th Group
3 - a/c navigational
4 - a/c bomb range #3
1 - PFF practice
3 - a/c gunnery
3 - a/c transition

SIGNAL

Radar. This Wing received 2 new radar maintenance Officers on Sept 17th, Lt Depew who was assigned to the 98th and Lt Greenberg who was assigned to the 449th. Each Group now has 2 Radar Officers.

14 H2X mechanics were received on September 17th and were assigned to the Groups.

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SIGNAL (Radar contd)

Lt DUTTON who has been working on the H2X Beacon installation received an assistant, Lt WHITE. These 2 Officers are at the present surveying another Beacon site at the 99th Bomb Group.

ORDNANCE

Requested Service Group to deliver to each base one mission of 2000 lb RDX bombs.

20 Jeeps have been assigned to this Wing. These Jeeps will be assigned to Squadrons of the 449th and 450th Bomb Groups.

Checked with Air Force as to the status of 1000 lb bombs in this Theater. They informed that 5,000 of this item will arrive shortly but none of it will be assigned to this Wing as the supply is insufficient to go around.

Contacted Depot No. 11 on the progress of the work renovating the tops on command vehicles of the Hq Sq.

SURGEON

Col LONG, NATOUSA Medical Consultant visited with Col COGLAND today. He gave a discourse of Infectious Hepatitis last night at the 35th Field Hospital.

Major THORPE, 450th Bomb Gp visited today and plans were made for Col COGLAND to accompany him on his weekly inspection of the Group areas tomorrow.

The vouchers for payment to Blood donors have been completed. Officers who donated blood can sign the voucher at the Wing Surgeon's office the 23d of September 44.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
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Thursday
21 Sept 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col WARREN and I are making an "inspection tour" with General TWINING and will return Monday.

ADJUTANT

Routine.

A-1 SECTION

2 crews with aircraft reported in. Crew asgd to 376th Bomb Gp

General HUSH made pesentation of awards to 449th Bomb Group at 1630 hours.

TWX received from Air Force - enlisted personnel performing duties of airborned interceptor operators should be placed on flying status under Provisions of par 4, AAF Reg 35-29. All Groups notified.

TWX received from Air Force - Upon notification that replacement for combat personnel have been assigned the organization (Wing) we will be responsible that they are picked up within 24 hours. If air transportation is used we will furnish parachutes for each individual. We will notify A-1, combat crew section of mode of Transportation and time personnel will be picked up. All Groups notified.

A-2 SECTION

Routine.

A-3 SECTION

Training:

98th Group
2 - a/c PFF camera runs
1 - a/c PFF bomb destroyer
1 - a/c PFF high altitude check
2 - a/c Bomb range #4
3 - a/c transition
2 - a/c gunnery and bombing.

376th Group
1 - a/c navigational flight
2 - a/c PFF navigational flight Test equipment
2 - a/c bomb range #4

449th Group
2 - a/c transition
3 - a/c bombing
1 - a/c gunnery
1 - a/c PFF bombing

450th Group
1 - a/c #455 (P) Andrew to bomb range #3.

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Diary, 21 Sept 44

A-4 SECTION

The area Engineer was notified yesterday of near critical conditon of South end of runway and taxi strips at the 450th Bomb Group.

Capt DaVIS departed this date for Bari to check on supply material for the winterization program.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND inspected the 376th Bomb Group today.

449th and 450th Bomb Groups were notified to hold off all dispensary building until Air Force obtains authority for such projects.

Orders for sending an enlisted man from the 449th Group to the special training offered at the 26th General Hospital were started today. This man had been sent previously but became ill and could not complete the course.

Capt DODD is still in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE SECTION

Called Capt MOVER, 62d Service Group, and requested that chairs be secured for the 1052d M. P. Co for use in the Enlisted Men's day-room.

Contacted all Units and suggested that they submit requisitions for replacement of worn out radios, or if they never received their initial issue, they should submit the requisition immediately.

Two B-24's were set aside to transport the 450th Bomb Group Baseball team up to Cerignola to represent this area in the baseball finals.

There will be one ticket for every three persons within the Wing for the KATHERINE CORNELL USO Show. Tickets will be printed and distributed to the Units of this command as soon as possible.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Wednesday
20 September 1944.

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

On trip.

ADJUTANT

Lt Col VON VERMOUTH and Capt MURPHY (NATOUSA) completed a survey of service records of all units of this command and departed this date. Col VON VERMOUTH informs us that the condition of service records through-out the Wing is very good. Major FRAZIER, Adm Inspector, 15th Air Force who accompanied this team also departed this date.

Capt PERRY procurred a new staff car for General RUSH. The old car is to be reassigned to the 376th Bomb Gp.

A-1 SECTION

Major BEACHCOMBER, AF Rest Camp Officer stated that a Rest Camp would soon be set-up in France and operating. Transportation and food is their big problem. The plan on having a large number of transport planes assigned to the Rest Camps in France and taking personnel on a "Cooks-Tour" of principal cities of France.

Repatriated Prisoners of War (Bulgarian) are to be at the 22d Repl Depot not later than 1700, 23d Sept with temp records and have partial payment, etc..

Reference TWX from Air Force, Groups are to submit recommendations for promotions (above 1st Lt) and recommendations for awards to Repatriated POW Group to be in Air Force not later than 1000, 22 Sept. They will be taken to Air Force by Officer courier. Groups notified to have this data in Wing not later than 1600, 21 Sept 44.

Per TWX from Air Force all "mickey" operators will be interviewed by Lt Col HEADRICK, 15th AF, A-3 Section prior to submission of rotation papers. Col HEADRICK will furnish clearance slip which will be appended to rotation papers when they are submitted to Air Force. All Groups notified.

Statistical Section (Wg) informed us (per information received from AF) that we will have a new Form 127 reporting guide in about a week or 10 days.

Lt Col SWAN is being relieved from DS and assigned to AAF/MTO.

1 crew reported in and assigned to 98th Bomb Gp.

Group average for combat crews is now 66.3%.



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Diary, 20 Sept 44

A-2 SECTION

Progress is being made by both 98th and 449th Bomb Groups in experiments to develop a kit large enough to contain a pair of GI shoes, escape kit, etc.... which can be hooked or clipped to the parachute harness.

Requested 15th Air Force to determine whether Allied advances have eliminated t the need for continuation of the present policy of furnishing all air crew members personal photographs.

15th Air Force reports it is not possible to obtain the Special Air Navigation Chart (Paris to Rome), scale 1/1,000,000, in quantity, as was desired. It was hoped these could be used as the basis of flak maps issued from this headquarters to each Group. A 1/2,000,000 navigation chart will be issued soon from 15th Air Force as an experiment, and a report on reaction to their use is desired.

A-3 SECTION

15th Air Force says they may put B-24 Recon. Squadron on one of our fields. Told them if necessary use Manduria.

Training:

98th Group
1 - a/c Pathfinder bombing destroyer
1 - a/c Pathfinder camera runs.
1 - a/c Bomb range #4 - Swing compass
1 - a/c Bomb range #4 Gunnery.

376th Bomb Gp
1 - a/c Bomb range #4
5 - a/c Navigational flights
1 - a/c on C-1 check

449th Group
1 - a/c PFF bombing destroyer
3 - a/c XC navigational
2 - a/c Bomb Range #3
1 - a/c PFF bombing destroyer
2 - a/c Transition
2 - a/c Bomb range #3

450th Group
4 - a/c Navigational flights
2 - a/c transition
2 - a/c Gunnery
4 - a/c Bomb Range #3
1 - a/c PFF bombing destroyer
3 - a/c gunnery missions

A-4 SECTION

The 98th and 449th Bomb Groups forwarded to this office, requisitions for urgently needed photographic equipment, that were disapproved by the 15th Air Force photographic section. This matter will be brought to the attention of Col FLACK, 15th Air Force Photo Officer this date.

Suspense
M Crane

The 376th Bomb Group complained to Lt Col WARREN about requisitions for B-24 airplane blister kits not being filled. Investigation revealed, that no requisition for same had been submitted by this Bomb Gp.

As yet no information has been received as to the location of CofE heavy for the 449th Bomb Group.

A member of the 449th Bomb Gp complained to Maj FRAZIER of inadequate housing facilities, and gravel for tent floors. This office informed the Major and Col MURRAY, that requests for additional Nisson huts, and buildings were disapproved by the 15th A. F. Engineer. Maj FRAZIER said he would follow thru on request upon return to Bari.

Diary, 20 Sept 44

A-4 SECTION (Contd.)

The 62d Service Group did not fill the 449th Bomb Groups' requisition for gravel as submitted, but made their own survey, and issued gravel accordingly, which is inadequate.

SURGEON

Capt DODD is still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

Contacted Service Group and made necessary arrangements to secure two 12 volt batteries for the Bus.

Capt GRIEB of the 1647th Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Co visited this Office.

Checked with Air Force on the supply of flak suits and as to how soon the Skeet Traps will be distributed to the Groups.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Called the Soldier Voting Officer of the 15th AF and requested information regarding organizational Soldier Voting Officers. The question was whether the Voting Officers should mail the State ballots along with the Federal ballots. Existing regulations require that the Voting Officers mail all Federal Ballots with the APO Station that services their organizations.... The answer was that the individual will mail his own State ballot after the Soldier Voting Officer has accomplished the affidavit on the back of the envelope which contains the ballot and the ballot envelope.

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Tuesday
19 September 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

CHIEF OF STAFF

On Page 3.. today.

A-1 SECTION

1 crew with aircraft reported in. Crew asgd to 98th Group.

Capt HARRIS has been substituted for Lt Col VAN SICKLE to visit 5th ARMY.

1 bombsight maintenance Officer is being asgd direct to the 98th Gp by AF.

Information furnished Air Force on PLOESTI missions for tentative basis of award of a battle participation star.

Ground personnel being rotated are to report to the 22nd Replacement Bn, tomorrow. All units were notified.

Requested a nu mber of clerks in grade of Pvt and Pvt 1st class. Air Force states that they are in receipt of a letter from NATOUSA stating that they have a number of NCO's from the grade of Master Sergeant on down that will be forced onto the Groups.

Also requested 2 flying officers that are physically unfit for flying duty to be assigned as Asst Wing A-4 and Personal Equipment Officer, 449th Bomb Group.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted weekly report on Operations.

A-3 SECTION

Maj NUGENT attended Bombardiers meeting at 450th. Phone in desired axis of attack on targets in Germany to Maj BROWN, AF A-3 Planning. Upon yesterdays meeting with Group bombing officers on this subject. Notified 449th Gp bomb officer and gave instructions on Sperry Mobile Training Unit. Checked on loading 2000 lbs. bombs and rocket flare released - 450th, 376th, 98th Bomb Groups.

Wing has authority to send one plane a day to Rome - letter put out to all Groups on this. Letter out to all Groups on Radar maintenance for past week - failures are decreasing.

Called 376th on 3 recent tie-ups which have occurred as result of not reading Operations Orders. 449th reports ship at CAIRO which went on evacuation mission is still there with leaky tank.

Instructed 98th and 376th to expedite installation of tail flare guns - 3 recent failures to bomb would not have occurred if flare had been in.

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D a I L Y D I a R Y (Contd.) 19 Sept 44

A-3 SECTION (Contd)

Groups are now picking up 20 new aircraft at GIOIA in exchange for 20 war weary ones - 450th gets 7, 376th gets 7, and 449th gets 6 - 98th did not request any.

TRAINING:-

98th Group
2 - a/c PFF, 10 bombs each
1 - a/c on Range #4.
4 - a/c on transition.

376th Groups
No Training...

449th Group
3 - a/c on test hops.
1 - a/c PFF mission
2 - a/c on Range #3.
1 - a/c compass swing
2 - a/c on Transition.

450th Group
1 - a/c on Range #3.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND visited the 98th Bomb Group this morning and visited 15th Air Force this afternoon.

Capt DODD is still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

Went to the 376th Bomb Gp regarding the reported duds. Checked the fuzes and set a few off, all function perfectly.

Sent 8 Release Point Markers to the 450th Bomb Group.

Spoke to Capt RANDELL on the progress of manufacture of additional Markers.

SPECIAL SERVICE SECTION

Distributed a Mimeograph letter to all units outlining the rules and regulations of the Essay Contest which is being sponsored by the Morale Services Officer, NATOUSA. The subject of the contest is: "WHAT VICTORY MEANS TO ME".

Many of the organizations have been requesting information pertaining to the KATHERINE CORNELL, USO Show. Starting time, number of tickets to be allotted to each organization, and other necessary information will be forthcoming from this office within the next day or two.



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SPECIAL SERVICE SECTION (Contd.)

Attended the Soldier's Voting Meeting at the 15th Air Force. Representatives from our Gr ups also attended.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Issue orders appointing Col GENT, Base Commander at GROTTAGLIE per letter 15th Air Force assigning GROTTAGLIE to the 47th Wing.

The "BURRIS-DAVIS" Construction Company LTD. has moved into location to begin, to start, construction on the "Castle".....

End.....



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D A I L Y  D I A R Y

18 September 1944.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col Shaw, new area Engineer, came down with Col Dolan and Capt Gillispie, he is moving his headquarters to the "Castle". No word on heavy equipment for the Lecce company, although the men will move into Lecce right away.

Called Col Rogers, 15th AF, Ass't A-3 about San Pan. Still no dope. Hopes to call me tomorrow about the date when we can start work on the runway.

ADJUTANT

The opening time and date of the 450th Bomb Gp Broadcasting Station is 1900 hours 16 September 1944. This station is to be known as RADIO MANDURIA and will broadcast on frewuency 1565 kc.

Information received from Air Force that all units are to be prepared to change to woolen uniforms on 1 October 1944. All requisitions to be in by 22 September 1944.

A-1 SECTION

Checked with groups reference to their immediate needs for key personnel up to 1 Nov/44. They are as follows: 98th Group: 1 Dep Comdr, 1 Gp Opns O, 2 Sq Comdrs; 376th Group: 2 Sq Comdrs; 449th Group: 1 Dep Comdr, 1 Gp Opns O & 4 Sq Comdrs; 450th Group: 4 Sq Comdrs - Total 16 Officers.

1 Crew reported in w/o aircraft (no orders). Asgd to 98th Group, VOCG.

Orders received on repatriated POW Group from Bulgaria. Distribution to Groups

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Nutmeg is getting Wing 3 more Link Trainers - Called 449th, 98th and 450th and instructed them to get requisitions in.

We are getting 20 new aircraft for 20 war weary ones - Groups instructed to pick new planes up at Geoia on 20 September 1944.

All Groups have been instructed to use new tail flare. Three tie-ups recently could have been avoidéd by use of it.



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A-3 SECTION CONT'D

Training:

98th Bomb Gp:

1 a/c PFF camera run on Lecce.
2 a/c Transition
2 a/c Bomb Range #4.

376th Bomb Gp:

2 a/c Practice Bombing
1 a/c High altitude test

449th Bomb Gp:

2 a/c Gunnery Range
3 a/c Bomb Range #3
1 a/c PFF camera run on Lecce.
2 a/c Navigation
2 a/c Transition
4 a/c High altitude tests

450th Bomb Gp:

3 a/c Transition
3 a/c Navigational
2 a/c Gunnery
4 a/c Practice Bombing
2 a/c PFF bomb destroyer.

A-4 SECTION

Two British flambo huts will be drawn from C.R.E. #17 Brindisi this date, for use as dispensaries at this Hq and one at the 449th Bomb Gp.

The C of E construction Co. to be stationed with 449th Bomb Gp arrived 17 Sept/44 with out heavy equipment.

SURGEON

Col Pearson called from Nutmeg concerning the physical set up of the new Group Aid Stations. Authorization is being sought from MTO to construct buildings.

Maj Thorpe visited this morning to inform us that he had tried to walk through a requisition for tentage for the Group Aid Station and found that tents were not available.

Maj Petterson visited this afternoon to discuss the housing of his Aid Station.

Capt Dodd and Hall are still in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

A representative from the Katharine Cornell USO show arrived this station and will inspect the theater in Lecce so that all technical bugs may be ironed out in plenty of time. The running time of the show will be 2½ hrs including intermissions, and the starting time will be decided at a later date.



1830

(Daily Diary, Hq 47th Wing, 18 Sept/44 Cont'd)

HQ COMMANDANT

Lt Talbott left for Foggia to pick up one Amphibious Jeep and is attending an Air Force Aid Society meeting at Bari on the 19th Sept/44.

Lt Bryan left for Rome. (3 days).

Called Capt Slover of 62nd to discuss transportation problems.

Checked on possibility of getting glass for winterizing buildings. We are requisitioning glass, but can get no advance information as to availability.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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Sunday
17 Sept 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF ) (ROUTINE [redacted])

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called us and said we are getting two more crews, one with aircraft and one without.

5 crews with aircraft reported in. They were assigned as follows:
3 - 98th Bomb Gp
1 - 449th Bomb Gp
1 - 450th Bomb Gp.

2 Radar Officers - 2d Lieutenants DEPEW and GREENBERG reported in today and were assigned as follows:
2d Lt DEPEW - 98th Bomb Gp
2d Lt GREENBERG - 449th Bomb Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

4 replacement aircraft assigned as follows:
2 - 98th Bomb Gp
1 - 376th Bomb Gp
1 - 450th Bomb Gp.

TRAINING:

98th Bomb Gp
1 PFF camera runs
1 PFF Dest.
2 ships Range 4 and gunnery range

376th Bomb Gp
1 a/c mick Syn bomb and nav
1 ship range #4
3 ships Nav. flight

449th Bomb Gp
4 Nav. flights
4 ships range #3
2 gunnery mission
2 transition

450th Bomb Gp
2 nav flights
3 transition
2 gunnery range
4 bombing range #3
1 PFF Dest.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

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Diary, 17 Sept 44

SURGEON

The Forms for payment of $10. to blood donors was received and distributed today to the units of the Wing.

Capt DODD and Capt HALL are in the Hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Col POOL, 15th Air Force SSO, called and stated that we may have the KATHERINE CORNELL, USO Show for 3 days instead of 2 as originally planned. The dates will be 28, 29 and 30th of September.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Saturday
16 September 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )Routine duties. (Out of the Theater)
ADJUTANT (Out of the Theater)

Mr. FITZGERALD, Tech Rep. from 15th Air Force is down here for two days. Inspecting the beacons.

A-1 SECTION

TWX received from Air Force that clocks will be retarded one (1) hour on 17 Sept at 0300. All Groups notified.

TWX received from Air Force to the effect that after 2 Sept recommendations of Field grade Officers will contain a true extract copy of par. 15 of 66-1 or item 38 of 66-2. All Groups notified.

Air Force called said Capt SESSA, 376th Bomb Gp was requested for assignment in Civil Affairs Section, NATOUSA and that 885th Bomb Gp requested transfer of Capt HANSEN, 376th Bomb Gp, who is now on DS with 885th. Group contacted and Air Force notified that 376th concurred in transfer of Capt HANSEN to 885th Bomb Gp, but requested to retain Capt SESSA. Capt CHAPPUIS, 376th Bomb Gp was offered as a candidate for transfer to Civil Affairs Section, NATOUSA, Air Force will notify us, if he is selected.

TWX received from Air Force that Names, Rank, ASN, and Organizations of enlisted personnel who speak, Hungarian, Romanian, or Bulgarian and who have lived or travelled in country in which they speak the language will be reported to Air Force not later than 21 Sept. Negative reports will be submitted. All Groups notified.

98th Bomb Gp received second presidential citation (Cluster) from Commanding General, 15th AF.

1 crew and aircraft reported in. Crew assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

Air Force called us and said 5 crews with aircraft are due in Sunday or Monday, 17th or 18th of Sept 44.

Report of radio gunners who have received awards or commendations, together with copies of orders from 1 Dec 43 to present, requested by NATOUSA letter. Report to be in Air Force by 30 Sept. All Groups notified.

4 Enlisted Men assigned to Groups as follows: 1 (754) Radio Mech to 98th; 1 (405) Clerk-Typist) and 1 (522) Guard patrolman to 449th Bomb Gp and 1 (256) Welder to 450th Bomb Gp.

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A-2 SECTION ) Routine.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARREN - Copies of "Why we Miss" have been sent to all Bomb Wings.

Air Force will replace 20 old aircraft with 20 new ones as per conversation of Col WARREN and Col HITT. Numbers of old aircraft were submitted by Col WARREN.

1 replacement aircraft assigned to 449th Bomb Group.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th Bomb Gp
8 - a/c bomb range #4, 10 bombs each, 15,000 ft then proceed to gunnery range
1 - PFF on destroyer, 10 bombs, 22,000 ft
1 - a/c navigation flight, 4 hrs
1 - PFF making 10 mickey runs
2 - a/c instrument flight, 3 hrs each
1 - PFF destroyer, 10 bombs, 22,000ft

376th Bomb Gp
4 - a/c gunnery range
4 - a/c bomb range #4
7 - a/c formation flying
3 - a/c XC
2 - Radar a/c checking C-1
2 - a/c transition flights
1 - a/c slow time
1 - a/c test hop

449th Bomb Gp
25 - a/c formation flying
3 - a/c gunnery range
3 - a/c PFF bombing
11 - a/c bombing range #3
1 - a/c GEE navigation flight
3 - a/c Swing compass
1 - a/c Transition flight
5 - a/c Formation flying

450th Bomb Gp
28 - a/c formation flying
4 - a/c bombing range #3
2 - a/c gunnery range
4 - a/c transition flying
3 - a/c navigation flights

A-4 SECTION ) Routine.

SIGNAL

Maj WRIGHT and Capt TERRY with 2 German speaking S-36 Operators flew down to the 99th Bomb Gp (B-17) to look over the S-36installation as employed in that Groups' aircraft. The 450th Bomb Gp, as other Groups not in this Wing, is experiencing erratic noise trouble in the lower band of the S-36. The 99th Bomb Gp apparently has the solution to this trouble since their method of installation has been adopted by 15th AF.

SURGEON

Maj BROTHER and Capt HOLLISTER, 15th AF accompanied by Lt Col_____ 26th General Hosp. visited last night. They are inspecting venereal disease incidence and prophylactic stations. Today they visited the 62d Serv Gp, LECCE PRO STATION, 98th Bomb Gp, and are staying over at the Rest Camp, Santa Cesaria.

Maj PETTERSON was contacted by phone and told about facilities available for housing the new Group dispensary to be set up in his Group.

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SURGEON (Contd.)

Capt DODDS is in quarters and Capt HALL is in the Hospital.

ORDNANCE

The Release Point Marker was installed on one of the aircraft of the 376th Bomb Gp and being used on tomorrows mission.

4 amphibious jeeps have been issued to this HQ.

600, 5 to 10 minute delay fuzes have arrived.

SPECIAL SERVICE

15th AF informed this office that allorganizations who requisitioned radios last month would have the requisitions filled this month, and the damaged radio in this office will also be replaced.

Called Lt WALSH, 450th Bomb Gp, SSO, regarding the time their Radio Station would go on the air. The daily schedule will be as follows:

Daily Schedule

1100 to 1300
1700 to 2100

This Station will operate on a frequency of 1565 Kilocycles. The opening ceremony will take place this evening at 1900 hrs and will close at 2100 hours.

End.....



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
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Friday
15 September 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called and stated that transfer of Officers and Enlisted Men to other organizations will be direct. Organization concerned will be contacted and upon concurrence of commanders concerned, Air Force will issue orders.

Lt Col VAN SICKLE, 98th Bomb Gp, is being placed on DS with 5th ARMY and is to report to Flight Section, 15th Air Force, not later than the 20th of Sept.

18 crews and aircraft reported in today. Crews assigned as follows:
8 - 98th Bomb Gp
1 - 376th Bomb Gp
1 - 449th Bomb Gp
7 - 450th Bomb Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

~~17 replacements~~

Capt BASON inspected 376th Bomb Gp

Capt VON NOY inspected 450th Bomb Gp.

AERIAL TRAINING FOR 15th September:

98th Bomb Gp
2 - a/c bombing range #4, 1 PFF 27000 ft
3 - a/c Mickey flights (camera)

449th Bomb Gp
2 - a/c practice bombing
8 - a/c navigation flights
1 - a/c PFF practice mission
1 - a/c instrument flight.

376th Bomb Gp
2 - a/c practice gunnery
1 - a/c PFF practice mission
1 - a/c slow time

450th Bomb Gp
2 - a/c navigation flights
1 - a/c PFF practice mission
3 - a/c gunnery range
4 - a/c #4 bombing range
2 - a/c transition flights

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

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Diary, 15 Sept 44.

ORDNANCE

Journeyed with Lt HART to the 376th Bomb Gp were the Release Point Marker was installed and demonstrated to the personnel of the 376th Bomb Gp and to the Ordnance Officer and Armament officer of the 98th Bomb Group.

Received 16 more completed Release Point Markers.

Have sent to Depot No. 8 a convoy to pick up M32, machine gun mounts for Trucks. Informed the Wing Defense Officer that these mounts will be installed as soon as possible.

SPECIAL SERVICE

15th Air Force informed this office that the KATHERINE CORNELL Show will be scheduled for Lecce 29 and 30 Sept. There will be 3 shows presented during this engagement. Miss Cornell will arrive in Bari on 23 Sept. 21 persons are included in the company.

Lt WALSH, 450th Bomb Gp, Special Service Officer, requested that this office procure an electrical turn-table for their Radio Station. The Station officially goes on the air tonight at 1900 hours.

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Thursday
14 September 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF:-

Col MAXWELL called and said that Colonel VON VERMOUTH, Capt MURPHY, and six (6) Assistants are here from NATOUSA to make an inspection of Service Records. They will be down here at 1100 A.M. Friday, 15 Sept 44 to check the Units in the Wing.

Lt Col CASSELL and Lt Col MURRAY will meet and assist these Officers. They will also fix an itinerary for their tour of the Wing.

A conference will be held at 3 o'clock at which "unit administrative inspectors, unit Adjutants, together with 47th Wing Administrative Inspector.

We are to notify Col MAXWELL one (1) day prior to the day they finish our Wing, so that the 55th Wing can be notified.

Held a meeting of Group and Deputy Group CO's for the CAIRO Operations. Take at 6:45 A.M. for CAIRO. Return Sunday about 5:00 P.M. (In time for Volley Ball.....)

ADJUTANT:-

MR. PANGALOS had a motor vehicle accident on the ORIA-MANDURIA Road the night of 13/14 September 44, demolishing a Jeep. Lt COOPER investigating.

Col WALTERS to cairo will be back Sunday evening.

A-1 SECTION:-

Called all organizations of 47th Wing and informed them that a meeting of Group Executives and Squadron Adjutants and Wing personnel will be held at Wing HQ at 1500 hrs, 15 Sept 44.

Colonel GRAFF, 376th Bomb Gp departed for Zone of Interior on Temp Dy on 8 July 44 and is due to return to Air Force on 8 October 1944.

Notified 98th and 450th Bomb Groups to place one (1) Intelligence Officer on Temp Duty at 15th Air Force, reporting Sunday afternoon 17 Sept 44 and be returned to Groups on Tuesday, 19 Sept 44.

Air Force called and said we are getting 18 crews and aircraft, on 15 Sept 44.

DFC presented to Captains GRIMMER and ROSE by Wing Commander, Col RUSH.

Air Force TWX received in substance as follows: No change in present General policy on award of Air Medal. However, personnel shot down between 1st and 5th missions and returned to ZofI, before they have



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A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

an opportunity to complete 5 missions and in cases where personnel are permanently grounded through no fault of their own, deserving personnel may be recommended for special acts in accordance with present directives. Groups notified....

A-2 SECTION:-

Requested by 15th Air Force to furnish 2 Intelligence Officers to assist on 17 and 18 Sept in the interrogation of crew members returning from the Middle East. Requested A-1 Section to call on 450th and 98th Bomb Groups, since the 449th and 376th furnished interrogators the last time extra ones were needed.

Drafted letter concerning security of Operational information in the Groups for the Wing Commander's consideration.

Letter to 15th Air Force suggesting that a report on the practical use to which crew observations have been put, would lessen the task of improving information developed at post-mission interrogations.

A-3 SECTION:-

Lt Col WARREN made trip to 15th Air Force for conference on CAIRO expedition.

Major ELLIOTT made arrangements for 3 navigators to attend navigation school in BARI on 18 Sept 44

Major NUGENT held meeting of Group Bombardiers in Wing Bombing Office.

Capt BASON inspected 450th Bomb Gp Personal Equipment Departments.

Capt GRIMMER inspected 449th Bomb Gp Training and Safety Program.

Capt VON NOY inspected 376th Bomb Gp Gunnery.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th Bomb Gp
13 - a/c formation, 2½ hrs.
6 - a/c bombing range #4 for 2 hrs and Gunnery Range 1 hr. T/O 0900.
3 - a/c check flight, A-5 1 hr.

376th Bomb Gp
4 - a/c gunnery range, A.M.
4 - a/c bombing range #4 T/O 1300.
1 - a/c Radar practice, 3 hrs A.M.
4 - a/c instrument flying (lead)

449th Bomb Gp
3 - a/c #3 Bombing Range
4 - a/c gunnery range.

450th Bomb Gp
2 - a/c Gunnery range
24 - a/c formation flying 3½ hrs.
8 - a/c formation flying
4 - a/c gunnery range
6 - a/c bombing range #3
4 - a/c transition
1 - a/c navigation flight.



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SURGEON:-

Lt Col COGLAND visited the Lecce PRO Station today investigating a case of Bi Chloride poisoning.

No officers in the Hospital. *

15 Sept, Friday, Lt Col COGLAND gone to 376th Bomb Gp all day.

ORDNANCE:-

Contacted Ordnance Officer at 15th Air Force and requested that 600, 5 to 10 minute delay tail fuzes be sent to Manduria Air Base for use by units of this Wing.

Hot and Cold patches are now critical item. A flat tire now means your vehicle will be deadlined.... So watch your step.....

SPECIAL SERVICE:-

Capt HAND, 376th Bomb Group, Special Service Officer, informed this office that they are giving a lecture on the operating procedures of a Bomb Gp for the benefit of the Paratroopers temporarily stationed at their field. The lectures will commence at 1000 hrs Friday and Saturday mornings.

Arrangements have been made for the 15th Air Force Band to play at the Rest Camp on Friday evening (Sept 15th). They will return to the 98th Bomb Gp Saturday for the Presidential Citation ceremonies...

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Wednesday
13 September 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

ADJUTANT

Lt [illegible] reported for duty. Ten (10) days DS from Air Force (Radar Installation).

A-1 SECTION

Major [illegible], 15th Air Force Soldier Voting Officer called and stated that a meeting will be held Tuesday, 19 Sept 44 at Air Force for all Group and Wing Soldier Voting Officers. Only 1 officer from each Group and Wing to be present plus Capt McFADDEN and Voting Officer for Wing, Signal Co and Hq Sq 47th Wing.

2 Navigators (1 from 450th and 1 from 376th) both having completed 50 missions reported to Air Force this afternoon for interview and if qualified they will be trfd and placed in a position vacancy.

Capt [illegible] reported in from Air Force and was assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

Major DUNDAS called for a report on organization references organizational "standards". Report made to Major DUNDAS as follows: 47th Wing - none. 98th - has one. 376th - none. 449th - none. 450th - has one.

Called Groups for 1 (747) (Ap. Eng Mech) total of 4 for interview and tentative transfer to Wing.

TWX received from Air Force in effect that Officers who had been transferred to a detachment of patients as a result of wounds received in combat may be recommended for promotion provided suitable position vacancy existed for such promotion at the time officer was wounded, and it was the intent of the recommending officer to recommend subject officer for promotion prior to the time he was wounded. Provided further that the position vacancy had not been filled by assignment or promotion of another officer. No provision made on flight officers. A NATOUSA representative in Washington now to get an OK to promote Flight Officers also under same policy. There is no present policy on Flight Officers in this category, pending decision of War Department.

A-2 SECTION:-

15th Air Force advised that Col [illegible] scheduled to speak on the Balkans at the Wing, had been called "East" suddenly and would have to postpone his visit for several days. So advised Service Units and Bomb Groups.

15th Air Force ordered Lt HOWARD, S-2 Officer in the 449th Gp, to 15th Air For HQ to work with JAG, but agreed to cancel orders until such time as a trained replacement could be provided. S-2 Sections in Groups of this Wing already are too far understrength to spare men without good replacement.



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Diary, 13 Sept 44.

A-3 SECTION:-

Lt Col WARNER.

A-3 policy in future on special targets where pff or off-set bombing may be used will be to send a teletype warning order in early afternoon referring to all available target material. Leaders will be directed to have special briefing - axis of attack, I.P. and target will be given. Previously policy of phoning unsatisfactory and no good from security point.

CAIRO expedition will be on morning of 15 Sept. General BOMM asked who would be CO - told him Col KYLE.

Requested that Liaison Officer from Troop Carrier command be sent to this HQ to coordinate transport and glider work on our fields.

Wing A-3 and Weather Officer directed to attend conference at 15th Air Force on Monday, 18 Sept 44.

Air Inspector requested to investigate 376th Groups accident over Adriatic.

A-3 publication "WHY [illegible]" is being sent to Bomb Wings of 15th Air Force, 2 copys to each Wing.

Capt [illegible]. Inspected 449th Bomb Gp yesterday and inspected 98th today.

Major [illegible] inspected 450th navigation sections.

Capt VON NOY inspected 98th.

GROUP TRAINING:-

98th Bomb Group
1 - a/c bomb #4 range. 10 bombs, 15,000'.
1 - a/c navigation flight to [illegible]
1 - a/c test local, 27,000'.

376th Bomb Group
1 - a/c PFF - [illegible] to bomb.
2 - XC, transition
2 - a/c #4 bombing range

449th Bomb Group
4 - navigation flights
1 - a/c high altitude calibration
3 - a/c visual bombing
2 - a/c transition
1 - a/c #3 bomb range

450th Bomb Group
4 - a/c navigation flights
4 - a/c gunnery
4 - a/c transition

A-4 SECTION:-

Trucks from the 449th Bomb Group departed 12 Sept 44 for [illegible] to pick up whiskey for this Wing. Said trucks will deliver same to this C Officers Club, the morning of 16 Sept 44.



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Diary, 13 Sept 44.

ORDNANCE:-

Went to Air Force to pick up 9 more Release Bomb Flare Adapters and discussed with the Ordnance Officer the replacement of Lt JOHNSON 98th Bomb Group who went home.

SPECIAL SERVICE SECTION:-

Called all Groups on the men entering the Boxing at the 459th Group.

Called Capt LAWSON at the 376th on Soldier's Voting meeting at the 15th Air Force on 19 Sept 44. I suggested that all voting officers in Squadrons to attend meeting.

Mary Murray called about confusion on 449th Bomb Group Band. They were supposed to play for Red Cross Club in Manduria Saturday night but they also made arrangements to play for us. We made arrangements for the 35th Field Hospital Band to play for them.

OTHER SECTIONS:-

Routine duties.

CHIEF OF STAFF:-

Routine duties.

End....



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HEAD QUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY /so

Tuesday
12 September 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF:-

47th Wing will furnish approximately 25 aircraft to ferry POW personnel from CAIRO in the next few days. All Groups have been notified that they are to furnish 6 to 7 aircraft with a 5 man crew.

Talked to Colonel [illegible] about the very very poor grade of Very Heavy Cadre replacements that we are getting (we've been robbed). He (says) has written violent protest about it.

Protested to Colonel [illegible] about his hench-men coming down here inspecting our Units without checking in here first. This will be corrected.

Wing DEPUTY CG OFFICER will make an unannounced inspection of all units during an alert; he will closely check on the Groups or unit, execution of its Airdrome Defense measures.

ADJUTANT:-

2d Lt [illegible] (12th Weather Squadron) reported for duty with Base Weather Station.

A-2 SECTION:-

Called Air Force authority received from Col [illegible] to process four (4) applications for Enl Men with a view to commissioning as Gunnery Officers. Papers may be walked through. Applicants will have to pass a 64, and if commissioned will be required to go on missions.

Two (2) Radar Officers are bing assigned by 22d Repl Bn and will be placed on DS with 1044th Signal Co (Sv Gp) for 10 days (Radar School) and upon completion will report to Wing. They will be further assigned to Groups upon receipt of S.O.

14 Enl Men SSN (967)(Radar Mech Bombardment) reported in and assigned as follows:

3 - 98th Bomb Gp
3 - 376th Bomb Gp
4 - 449th Bomb Gp
4 - 450th Bomb Gp.

1 Enl Man (631) (Intel specialist) reported in and assigned to 98th Bomb Group for duty with Group A-2 Intelligence Section.

Personnel selected for Mickey training (See Daily Diary of 11 Sept) will be returned to ZI upon completion of 60 days DS at GIOL. This is on a voluntary basis. Groups notified.



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Diary, 12 Sept 44.

A-1 SECTION:- (Contd.)

Final V-E Cadre replacements reported in and assigned as follows:
1 - 376th Bomb Gp
3 - 449th Bomb Gp
2 - 450th Bomb Gp Total of 6.

One more Officer furnished for flight control interview by A-3 of Air Force. Will be sent to Air Force for interview 13 Sept 1944. (See Daily Diary, 11 Sept 44).

Air Force stated that the Wing citation has been approved and forwarded.

A-2 SECTION:-

Lt Col HOLLS and Lt GILMAN inspected 449th Bomb Group Intelligence setup. Col HOLLS also visited the 450th Bomb Gp.

S/Sgt Paul L. Kostenal, intelligence clerk from the 455th Bomb Gp assd to 98th Bomb on arrival at Wing as a cushion against forthcoming departure of 2 year men.

Lt Col M. HOLM, 449th Bomb Gp reported on his recent tour of duty with the 5th ARMY at the regular weekly conference.

A-3 SECTION:-

Capt HOSE inspected 376th Bomb Gp navigation section.

Lt BJORLAG inspected 376th Bomb Gp PFF section.

For past 3 days Major McGAFF inspected 449th, 450th, and 98th bombing sections. Inspected 376th bombing section today.

GROUP TRAINING:

376th Bomb Gp
2 - a/c PFF on destroyer-10 bombs dropped from each at 22,000 feet.
1 - a/c PFF local test at 20,000 feet.
1 - a/c transition navigation - 2 hrs.

449th Bomb Gp
2 - a/c bomb range #3. new type bombing.

450th Bomb Gp
No Training.

376th Bomb Gp
No Training.

ORDNANCE:-

Discussed with Capt LINDALL on the progress of the manufacture of the Bomb Release Flare Adapter and Flares. The 449th Bomb Gp indicated that they prefer the short red flare. 100 of the short red flares will be manufactured immediately.

Contacted the Service Gp Ordnance Officer regarding the Air Force Memorandum 134-28 and requested that it be followed to the letter.



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Diary, 12 Sept 44.

CAPT. GIL:- (Contd.)

Capt [illegible], Group Ordnance Officer of the 376th Bomb Group visited this office.

CAPT [illegible]:-

Capt [illegible] held a meeting of radar maintenance personnel on Monday morning, 11 Sept 44. Those present were Major [illegible], all Group Radar Officers, all enlisted radar section heads, and the Signal Supply Officer of the 62d Service Group.

The primary object of the meeting was to get everyone together at one time and to inform them of the latest developments and procedures as well as to point out the importance of a smooth functioning, systematic organization resulting in higher operational efficiency after better supply has reached its peak efficiency. The following topics were discussed:

Section Organization.
Military correspondence.
Section maintenance records.
Reports, daily, weekly, monthly.
Requisitions and supply channels.
Modifications
Uses and expectations of GEE, ICH and altimeters.
Unsatisfactory reports.
Radar cameras and film processing.

On the afternoon of 11 Sept 44 Colonel [illegible], Capt [illegible], and Capt [illegible], all of the 15th Air Force Signal Office, informally inspected all communication facilities of Wing Headquarters and 331st Signal Company. No suggestions for improvement or otherwise were made by inspecting party, apparently all was well.

OTHER SECTIONS:-

Routine duties.

end.....



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

/so

Monday
11 Sept 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

General BURN called to congratulate us (Major NUGENT A-3) on the memorandum: "Why we Miss", he said that General TWINING agreed with him that it was a fine article and requested that two (2) copies be sent to each Wing for their information. "This Memo contained a great deal of information that the Air Force A-3 section has tried to install in the Wings."

98th Bomb Group: Lt Col WILSON called and invited Col MUSH and the Staff down Saturday, September 16, 1944 for the ceremonies commemorating the 300th mission. General TWINING will be there. There will be a reception after the ceremony followed by a Beach Party (which conflicts with our Dance)..... Col Monzo cancelled the dance RKF

ADJUTANT

Information received from 15th Air Force that ACC is to arrange for a sufficiently large maintenance gang to be placed on the ORIA-MANDURIA Road to put it in proper repair. HQ, 15th Air Force to be informed if progress and results are not satisfactory...

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called for 2 or more Officers (rated personnel), preferably of company grade, for interview at A-3, with a view to placing selected personnel on temp duty as flight control officers, for approximately 30 days, at the end of which time, officers finally selected, will be transferred to that headquarters. Officers should have completed a combat tour and be desirous of such detail. Officers designated: 1st Lt BRUBAKER, 98th Bomb Gp and 1st Lt JOHNSON, and HUNTER, 376th Group. Organizations were notified to have these officers report to A-3, 15th Air Force on 12 Sept 44.

Capt STALEY, Wing HQ placed on DS with 5th ARMY and will report to 15th Air Force Flight Section not later than 13 Sept 44.

4 Enl Men SSN (405)-Clerk typist, are due in tomorrow and will be assigned as follows: 2 - 98th and 2 - 449th.

Col WARNER States that potential Deputy Group Commanders and Sq Commanders are ~~in~~ due soon. He stated that Squadron Commanders departed 22 Aug 44 and higher officers were scheduled to depart by air on 1 Sept 44. No further word has been received since scheduled departure.

Furnished names of 1 Pilot, 1 Navigator, 1 Bombardier and 1 Crew Chief for training as Mickey crew and will be placed on DS at GIOIA for 60 days. These crews will not be required to fly combat.



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Diary, 11 Sept 44.

A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

Awards and Decorations:

The following information concerning recommendations for the Award of the Bronze Star Medal to personnel this Headquarters is submitted as information and guidance.

a. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving on or after 7 December 1941, in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States, distinguished or has distinguished himself by meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations. It is not to be submitted on personnel who participate in aerial flight.

b. The recommendation will originate with the Staff Officer concerned. An informal memo containing a resume and facts from which a citation and narrative can be written will be sent to the Headquarters Squadron Orderly Room for submission for recommendation to Wing Headquarters.

c. Care should be exercised to submit recommendations only on highly deserving personnel who have performed their duties beyond that normally required of there grade and/or position. The duties performed should be such that it is deserving of official recognition, aside from promotion achieved, by decoration of the individual.

A-2 SECTION

Col BAIN, Deputy A-2, 15th Air Force, will arrive Wednesday on an inspection tour of the Wing, during which he will give a talk on the Balkan situation at each Group.

Phoned 449th Bomb Gp to request that Col [illegible] bring with him the visiting Major from a 5th AAF tank destroyer unit for Tuesdays mess meeting.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col [illegible] spent morning at 449th Bomb Group on operational planning problems. 449th will try new method of breaking into 6 ship boxes.

Called Air Force and requested that search lights be removed. They will do so.

Advised all Groups a maximum of 20 people per aircraft permitted on COL trips only.

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Diary, 11 Sept 44.

A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

TRAINING:

99th Bomb Gp
8 - a/c bombing range #4, 15,000 ft 10 bombs.
4 - a/c gunnery range before bombing range.
4 - a/c gunnery after bombing range.
1 - a/c XC
2 - a/c test hops.

376th Bomb Gp
4 - a/c bombing range #4.
4 - a/c gunnery range
1 - a/c PFF mission
5 - a/c transition
3 - a/c slow time

440th Bomb Gp
3 - a/c transition flights
3 - a/c PFF missions
2 - a/c visual bombing
15 - a/c formation flight
3 - a/c gunnery range

450th Bomb Gp
6 - a/c formation bombing
5 - a/c calibration
12 - a/c navigational TEE flight
6 - a/c navigational flight.

A-4 SECTION

The 62d Service Group did not requisiton the proposed German Munitions factory, near Taranto, due to the fact that the Italian guards were no longer stationed there, and so much material had been stolen.

Capt DAVIS, will proceed this date to Brindisi for the purpose of securing huts to be used as dispensaries, and registering 5 Italian civilian automobiles.

SURGEON

Col MANLEY visited the office today and reviewed reports on disease rates. He was particularly interested in infectious hepatitis.

Major KNOWLE visited today.

No officers are hospitalized.



1850

Diary, 11 Sept 44.

SPECIAL SERVICE

The AL ROBINSON SHOW arrived yesterday 2 hours late and 1 show was called off at the 98th Bomb Gp.

The 15th Air Force Band arrived at the 376th Bomb Gp yesterday and will be with us for 5 days.

Arranged for the 15th Air Force Band to be at the 98th Bomb Gp on Saturday 16 Sept 44 when they are to be decorated by General TWINING. The Band will come back down just for that day.

Sgt COLLINS reported to this Office for duty with Capt McFADDEN. he will take care of some of the extra jobs that have been assigned to Special Service. Capt PERRY recommended Sgt Collins as a very capable man.

Arranged for the 449th Bomb Gp band to play for the officers dance next Saturday evening 16 Sept.

Issued equipment to all the Bomb Groups for basketball league that started yesterday.

CAMP SLOTLOS

Routine duties.

End....

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

Sunday
10 Sept 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Authorization received from 15th Air Force for 450th Bomb Group to establish a long Wave Broadcasting Station in the Manduria Area on frequency 1565 Kc. This headquarters to be notified of opening date and time.

Do any Sections have material for the Weekly Bulletin? It goes to press today.....

A-1 SECTION

15 crews arrived today and were assigned as follows:
5 - 376th Bomb Gp
6 - 449th Bomb Gp
4 - 450th Bomb Gp

Called Air Force reference transferring Col TRAY from DS to assigned to AAF/WAC. Officer on DS from 98th Bomb Gp. Chief of Staff, 15th Air Force called for report to be made as Air Force now has 50 additional officers, who are now on TD with AAF/WAC.

Per TWX, 15th Air Force, Groups notified that POW from this Theater will not be returned to combat. Air Force will announce any change in Policy...

Air Force requested Pilots, Navigators, Bombardiers, and Crew Chiefs for Mickey training at Gioia for 60 days. Officers selected do not have to fly combat in the future.

Air Force notified us that we would be getting a number of crews in the very near future and it is expected that all Groups will have 96 combat crews per Group or more.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS and Capt ENGEL conferred with all Intelligence Officers at 376th and 98th Bomb Groups with special emphasis on improving the quality of escape information and training, strengthening the interrogation procedure, and discussing the handling of flak information. Both Groups are very short in personnel.



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Diary, 10 Sept 44.

A-2 SECTION

Col MANLEY. 1 more P-40 assigned to Wing, 376th Bomb Group picked it up. Old sea search radar ship of 98th being transferred out.

Major ELLIOTT. Made inspection tour of 98th Bomb Groups navigation Departments.

Major EUGENE. Made inspection tour of 449th Bomb Groups Bombing offices.

Capt ROSE. Made inspection tour of 449th Bomb Groups navigation yesterday.

1st Lt GUGGENHEIM. Made inspection tour of 449th Bomb Gp AFF.

AERIAL TRAINING:

| 98th Bomb Gp | 376th Bomb Gp |
|---|---|
| 2 - a/c W4 bombing range. | 1 - a/c practice bombing |
| 2 - a/c navigation flight | 2 - a/c XC transition |
| 2 - a/c swing compass. | 4 - a/c local transition |
| **449th Bomb Gp** | **450th Bomb Gp** |
| 2 - a/c W3 bombing range | 2 - a/c transition flights |
| 4 - a/c navigation flight | 2 - a/c navigation flights |
| | 4 - a/c on bombing range |
| | 2 - a/c P77 missions |
| | 2 - a/c gunnery range. |

SURGEON

Col COGLAND accompanied Col MANLEY of HARMON to the 35th Field Hospital today. Col MANLEY is investigating infectious hepatitis.

Air Force called on the number of cases of Malaria in the Wing. Two cases have been reported from the Wing.

A-4 SECTION

CO of the 21st CofK Regiment arrived 10 Sept 44 and is now conducting an inspection of Airdromes in this Wing. As to the progress made by Engineer units.

The 62d Service Group will start delivering gravel for tent floors this date to the 98th, 376th, and 450th Bomb Groups.

Extra field servicing units (Type F-2) were loaned the 376th and 450th Bomb Groups by the 47 AAFSC to service British trans orts.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

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9 September 1944

# DAILY DIARY

A-1 SECTION

Air Force notified us to pick up fifteen (15) crews. They will be picked up tomorrow morning.

Air Force has suspended action on all officers' request for relief from active duty, for whom no suitable vacancy exists, pending receipt of new WAIOUSA and WD directives.

Presidential citation was presented to the 449th Group by the Commanding General, 15th AF.

Presentation of Awards to the 98th Group was made by the Wing Commander.

Personnel returning to Zone of Interior on rotation will depart between 15th and 25th Sept.

One (1) combat crew reported in assigned to 450th Grpup.

A-2 SECTION

Capt Cessa, newly appointed Gp S-2, 376th, conferred with Lt Col Thomas on a personnel problems. Col Thomas will attend a conference of 376th intelligence officers Sunday at 10 AM. Capt Park has transferred to USAFIME.

In order to continue operation of wing photo lab (for which there is no authorization) arranged with Lt Gandy, wing photo officer, to obtain necessary supplies through 62nd Serv Gp photo lab. Actually, this service group lab is responsible for whatever work the wing requires, but in the interest of speed and security it is considered necessary that the present Wing laboratory continue.

Conferred with Lt Col Manzo relative to bomb plot score given the 98th Gp on Friday's mission. He was not familiar with the method used to score on targets for which there were more than one aiming point.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col Warren: Called AF on possibility of securing additional fighter planes to scout formation -- some are being lined up soon.

There is no possibility of increasing our Rome aircraft quota yet says AF. Quota of men has increased but we cannot send more planes up (3 per day authorized).

Major Elliott: Routine. (duty officer).

Maj Nugent: Inspection trip to 450th Gp. Attended presentation ceremony at 449th.



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A-3 SECTION CONT'D

Capt Rose: Visited 449th for inspection and presentation ceremony.

Aerial Training.

98th- 16 a/c formation and dry run on mission target.
6 a/c practice bombing
4 PFF on destroyer
1 PFF camera bomb

449th - 3 a/c to gunnery range.
3 a/c camera bomb
2 PFF to destroyer
4 a/c cross-country flights
28 a/c formation.

376th - Training minimum runway closed for repairs.
1 PFF on destroyer target.
4 a/c practice bombing mission.

450th - 10 a/c formation and practice bombing mission.
4 a/c to gunnery range
9 a/c calibrate instruments
10 a/c transition
3 a/c instrument flights

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Maj Thorpe visited to discuss the new Gp Aid Stations.

Maj Munley of MATOUSA will visit the 35th Fld Hospital. Maj Gavin will accompany him there.

AF informed us today that Capt Lehm will be assigned to the rest Camp at Santa Ceaseria and a replacement will be made soon at the 98th Bomb Gp.

Capt Hall is still in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Capt McFadden discussed Army AF Aid Society with Chief of Staff. A Short talk will be given all officers in this Headquarters soon and all officers are urged to join this society.

Schedule for the Al Robinson U. S. O. Show was made up and okayed. The Schedule is as follows:

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SPECIAL SERVICES SECTION

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|---|---|---|
| AAOD 11 | Sunday Sept 10 | 7:00 PM |
| 98th Gp | Monday Sept 11 | 3:00----7:00 PM |
| 35th Fld Hosp | Tuesday Sept 12 | 3:00 PM |
| 62nd Serv Gp | Tuesday Sept 12 | 7:00 PM |
| 376th Gp | Wednesday Sept 13 | 6:00----8:00 PM |
| 449th Gp | Thursday Sept 14 | 3:00----7:00 PM |
| 450th Gp | Saturday Sept 16 | 8:00 PM |
| 60th Troup Courier | Sunday Sept 17 | 3:00----7:00 PM |

Got schedule out for Wing Baseball league which starts Monday.

There will be a dance in the officers club Saturday 16, 1944. Officers that are bringing guest for supper, see Capt Roughton ahead of time.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Talked to General Born, Col Kempton and others about the "PUW" personnel being sent to Naples. We were accused of many many errors, failures etc. by AF, but when the cards fell into place the 47th Wing was in the right (Although none of the AF named admitted it, yet - 24 hrs later).

Col Rush, Maj Nugent, Capts, Von Hoy, Staley and I flew down to the 449th for their Group citation ceremony; General Twining presented the streamer. The formation (Group) of the squadrons of the 449th was excellent and Infantry outfit would not have been better.

Col Randolph will be up Tuesday for the weekly news summary. He will talk (A-2) about his 5th Army visit.

G-1 & G-2 SECTIONS

Routine duties

ORDNANCE

Called AF regarding Squadron Ordnance Officers replacements of those that have or will leave shortly.

Received information that headspace gages for .50 cal. machine gun are available at Depot No. 8. Contacted the 376th Gp and requested that they submit a requisition immediately for their needs.

Mad the necessary arrangements to deliver additional Propaganda Leaflet Bombs to the 98th Bomb Gp.

Checked on the supply of 5 to 10 minute delay tail fuses.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Friday
8 September 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties

A-1 SECTION

4 Contract negotiators departed for Naples today. We were given short notice. They were originally scheduled to leave the 12th of Sept 44.

Checked on Wing Citation. It is pending General TWININGS decision.

An officer arrived from 5th ARMY and was sent to the 449th Bomb Gp.

Air Force requested the names of 8 candidates for return to Zone of Interior to attend Aerial Gunnery Course to qualify for rating as Observer (Flexible Gunnery). Due to shortage of Armament Officer personnel within Groups a negative reply was made to Air Force by A-3.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Captain STALEY. Tactical Inspection of 449th Bomb Gp.

Called Air Force on possibility of securing additional fighter planes to scout formations - some are being lined up soon.

There is no possibility of increasing our Home aircraft quota says Air Force yet - quota of men has increased but we cannot send more planes up.

98th Bomb Gp
5 - ships navigational flights
3 - a/c Range #4, 15,000' - 1000-1200.
1 - a/c destroyer, 22,000' - 1000-1200.
5 - a/c transition - 2 hrs.
1 - a/c camera run, Lecce, 12,000' - 0900-1100
1 - a/c Mickey flight, 27,000'- 1300-1630.

376th Bomb Gp
1 - PFF, dry runs
2 - a/c transition
6 - a/c cross country

449th Bomb Gp
1 - PFF dry runs
10 - a/c cross country
2 - a/c transition
1 - a/c gunnery.

450th Bomb Group
10 - a/c formation and XC
2 - a/c navigation
4 - a/c #3 Bombing range
2 - a/c PFF target ship
3 - a/c transition
1 - a/c Beacon



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Diary, 8 Sept 44.

SIGNAL

Capt [redacted] flew down to the Gunnery Range with Col [redacted] to inspect the "Crackling Tower" set-up. The equipment is well taken care of. Communications with planes, during the time of the inspection was very satisfactory and according to the Sgt in charge of maintenance, has been good since the installation of the SCR-188.

SURGEON

Capt [redacted] is still in the hospital.

ARMAMENT

Each of the Groups in this Wing now have 8 Shotguns.

Lt JOHNSON, 344th Squadron, 98th Bomb Gp was recalled home.

The 449th Bomb Group reported that the Bomb Release Flare has functioned satisfactorily.

OPNS SECTION

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

Thursday
7 September 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

379 repatriated Prisoners of War in Groups are being flown to Replacement Depot #7, tomorrow to arrive between 9 and 1030 hours, Authority: Letter Orders, 15th Air Force, 7 Sept 44.

Air Force would like to have us fly personnel returned to the Zone of the Interior on rotation to the 19th Replacement Center instead of hauling personnel by truck to the 22d Replacement Center. We objected to this.

Capt FORREST is transferred to Air Force. They want him to report tomorrow morning.

1st Lt GILMORE, JR., assigned to 47th Wing for duty in Wing A-2 Section per par 14, SO 247, Hq 15th Air Force, 3 Sept 44. He is a Flak Officer.

1st Lt McMAIR (Adj) assigned to 47th Wing, per par 14, SO 247, Hq 15th Air Force, 3 Sept 44 and assigned to 98th Bomb Group.

1st Lt PARKER, Crypt Officer, assigned to 47th Wing and further assigned to 98th Bomb Group.

A-2 SECTION ) Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Capt CRIMMER - Duty Officer

Training:
98th Bomb Group
24 - a/c formation
8 - a/c Range #4.
8 - a/c Gunnery
2 - a/c Transition

450th Bomb Group
28 - ship formation- Range 3
12 - a/c Gunnery.
4 - a/c Range #3.
3 - ac navigation
2 - a/c A/S and Comp-Swing

376th Bomb Group
35 - a/c A-5 C-1 check formation
4 - ac/ Gunnery
5 - a/c Bombing.

449th Bomb Group
28 - ~~a/c~~ ship-formation then break up to Gunnery and bombing range.

Air Force likes Wing's Tactical Bombing-Navigation Summary so well that all other Wings are being required to adopt it.



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Diary, 7 Sept 44, Contd.

A-3 Section (Contd.)

Called Lt Col HEDRICK, requesting 47th Wing be given priority on Pathfinder ships - He will give us all of next few B-24 PFF Ships and take 7 old War-Weary ships away from us.

47th Wing was No. 1 in Air Force for week of 20 August to 26 August in amount of training accomplished in air. We are far ahead in amount of practice bombing and total aerial training hours.

Lt Col APPOLD departed for USA.

(Also Col GORDLY departed for USA)....

SURGEON

Major GAVIN attended a Wing Surgeons meeting at Air Force today. He will return tomorrow.

Major BROWN returned to duty. Capt HALL is still in the hospital.

SIGNAL

Major WRIGHT, Capt TERRY, and Capt HARTMAN visited control station of the BIG FENCE Fixing System. Capt WHITE the Officer in Charge explained that the BIG FENCE network consisted of the one control station plus 6 VHF direction finders, inter-connected with a VHF voice network of their own. The speed and accuracy with which fixes and findings can be given aircraft is limited chiefly by the small percentage of Pilots attempting to use this system without understanding it.

To contact the British Airborne Unit (69th Regiment) at Manduria ask SUPORT Operator for "CHARLIE"....

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

End.....



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING /so
APO 520 US ARMY

Wednesday
6 September 1944

D A I L Y  B U L L E T I N

GENERAL STAFF

Routine duties.

PERSONNEL

Col KYLE, Major MOSELEY, Capt VOISSET, Capt HAUGHTON departed for Africa.

A-1 SECTION

Six (6) crews arrived and assigned as follows:
2 - 37Yth Bomb Group
3 - 449th Bomb Group
1 - 450th Bomb Group.

Air Force notified us that they will issue orders on Contract Negotiators on or about 7th or 8th Sept. They will leave about 10 or 11 Sept.

Arrangements completed to ferry WAC personnel, recently returned, to Naples when Air Force notifies us. Air Force is supposed to deliver orders to us or to personnel concerned at the Depot.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Aerial Training for today:

98th Bomb Gp
2 - a/c Range #4
1 a/c Airspeed and Swing compass
3 a/c navigation.

376th Bomb Gp
2 - a/c navigation flight

449th Bomb Gp
2 - a/c PFF Bomb destroyer
3 a/c Range #3
1 - a/c navigation
4 a/c transition.

450th Bomb Gp
2 - PFF Bomb destroyer
5 - a/c navigation flights
4 a/c Range 3
2 a/c Gunnery Range.

A-4 SECTION ) Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Lt Colonel CULLEN visited this office.

4 Bomb Release Flares were installed in the 449th Bomb Group.

ALGIERS

Lt Col COGLAND accompanied Col MUSH on a trip today.

Major BROWN and Capt HALL are in the Hospital.



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APO 520

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5 September 1944.

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col's Murry, Cogland and I flew over to Vis (Island off Yugoslavia coast). Capt Kestor ASC met us and drove us around his graveyard of aircraft, then he showed us his records, which included the date, organization, pilot, type A/C, condition of the A/C with the necessary remarks to give the full story of the aircraft. We were delighted to find that none of our aircraft (6 all told) had been forced down due to poor maintenance, but were all due to battle damage. A-3 should fix up a memo covering the do's and don'ts on aircraft going into Vis:

(1) It's a short field, but adequate if properly utilized.

(2) Get rid of all surplus equipment before landing. 3 crew members of one of our ships were killed by loose ammunition boxes, buckets and "whatnots", flying around inside the tail of the ship after it overshot the runway and crashed.

I called Col Maxwell and told him about our observations over there, also that none of our A/C were forced down due to poor maintenance, which had been a big factor in causing a great AF number of force landings over there.

A-1 SECTION

We were notified to pick up five (5) crews at Gioia. Will be picked up tomorrow.

Requested [redacted] AF to furnish Bombsight Officers. None available. Also asked for Intelligence Officers as replacements for rotatees. None available.

In the future all letters or resignation, initiated by individuals, will have no reference therein "for the good of the service" and will also contain a paragraph that "I understand that my resignation, tendered in lieu of reclassification proceedings, may not be withdrawn without the consent of the War Department, which will normally bot be granted.

No further applications for release of Officers over 38, will be forwarded to Air Force, pending further instructions.

A-2 SECTION

Presented weekly news and operations conference.

Mess council met to draft proposed by-laws to be submitted to club membership within the next few days.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Sjoberg: Navigator for Col Kyle to VIS.

3 A/C replacement assigned as follows: 1 to 98th, 1 to 450th, 1 to 376th. These A/C are being picked up at Gioia.



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A-3 SECTION CONT'D

Group Training:

| 98th | 276th | 449th | 450th |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 PTP Mission | 2 a/c on #4 Range | 2 PTP missions | 2 Gunnery Missions. |
| 2 a/c on #4 Range | | 1 Visual Bombing | 3 Calibration |
| 1 a/c transition | | 1 Calibration | 2 Navigation Flts |
| | | 1 Gee Navigation | 2 PTP Missions |
| | | 2 Transition | 4 a/c on #3 Range. |
| | | 4 Gunnery | |

A-4 SECTION

Work on runway at 376th Gp has been temporarily suspended for approximately five days.

Capt Moover, 62nd, informed this office that arrangements would be made within the next two or three days to supply Groups of this Wing with necessary gravel for tent flooring.

SURGEON

Col Copland accompanied Col Kyle to the Island of Vis today.

A meeting of the group Surgeons will be held this afternoon at 1730 hours.

Maj Brown is still in the hospital.

OTHER SECTION

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

Monday
4 September 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Held a meeting of Group Adjutants and discussed, Investigations, Reports of Death, Defense Day reports, Delinquency Reports, Efficiency Reports, claims, etc..

62d Service Group called on us for 45 trucks for a rush delivery of Bombs to all fields of this command by Wednesday morning. Arrangements completed.

A-1 SECTION

TWX received from 15th Air Force - POW Group repatriated recently will leave the 22d Replacement Battalion, 9 September 1944. All recommendations for award must be hand processed to arrive in 15th Air Force by 6 Sept 44. All Decorations which have been awarded but not presented should be presented prior to departure.

It is Air Force policy to promote all Flight Officers and 2d Lts of repatriated POW Group which returned recently. Recommendations are to be processed immediately. All Groups have been notified.

Air Force called us and reported an alleged overage of 9 - (759s) Radio Opr Gnr) and 4 (038s)(Lineman, Wel & Tel,. They were in error. Correct overage of 2 (238s) were reported to Air Force for disposition per their request.

Col GUNT, Hq 449th Bomb Group awarded 1st OLC to DSC and Lt Col APPOLD, Hq 47th Bomb Wing awarded 3rd OLC to DSC per 15th Air Force GO 3039, 2 Sept 44.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to 909th Air Base Security Bn requesting submission of periodic Counter Intelligence report similar in type to those submitted by all other Units of this Wing.

Informed Fifteenth Air Force TWX that instructions to obtain experience stories from airmen returned from Roumania was contrary to the statement each man had signed at Air Force pledging not to discuss such matters for publication. Air Force will write a general story, and our Unit PRO's need only obtain a picture of each man, plus a caption, which will go with the general story.

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Diary, Monday, 4 Sept 44.

A-3 SECTION:

Group training for today:

96th Bomb Group - 8 a/c on Range #4 then to Gunnery Range
12 a/c Formation - 2 hrs.

376th Bomb Group - 2 a/c bomb range.

449th Bomb Group - 2 a/c bomb range
1 a/c navigation
2 a/c Test hop
1 a/c calibration
2 a/c transition.

450th Bomb Group - 4 a/c Bomb Range #3.
2 P/F on Destroyer.
3 a/c calibration.
2 a/c navigation.

A-4 SECTION:

Routine duties.

SURGEON:

The response from the Eq Sq to the request for Blood was very good. Nearly 100% of the men eligible donated Blood to the unit.

The Transfusion Unit will proceed to the 449th and 96th Bomb Groups at the end of this week. Major BANN is still in hospital.

SIGNAL:

At communications meeting 19th Air Force the following points were discussed by Col DE ARMAND:

1. IFF must be kept in readiness by wing units for immediate installation at all times. Aircraft on night reconnaissance missions, entering United Kingdom, Soviet Russia or Africa should use IFF.

2. All Group and Squadron Communications Officers to take a planned trip through the "SIG FIELD" Wiring System in the near future.

3. 5th WING now has all their Groups equipped with individual "B" channel frequencies. Result "B" Channel used for Bomber to Bomber communications, "A" Channel for Group to Group communications. Command Set (274N) not used. All Wings to follow suit upon availability of their Group "B" Channel Crystals.

Experienced Radio Mechanic from 450th Bomb Gp placed on DS for 3 weeks with Control Tower at Gunnery and Bombing Ranges. Should eliminate all communication difficulties.

OTHER SECTIONS

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Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Sunday
3 September 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force requested 1 clerk, not above the grade of Corporal to be transferred to them for duty in writing letters of condolence, etc.. They also requested the services of 1st Lt GILBERT T. P. HOWARD of the 449th Bomb Gp for duty in the JAG Section.

A new T/O & E, 29 June 1944 received and distributed to Groups. This is for Group Hq and is a radical departure from the old one in several respects.
The new Bomb Squadron T/O & E is supposed to be out shortly.

46 Very heavy Cadre replacements received by 376th Bomb Group. They looked pretty fair and were mostly Basic (521) Privates.

Air Force will issue orders within the next 3 - 4 days on the following Officers on the MPO project:

Major ASHCRAFT - 449th Bomb Gp
Major NORTH - 450th Bomb Gp
Major VAN BERGEN - 376th Bomb Gp
1st Lt JOHNSON - 98th Bomb Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS at 15th Air Force Saturday, during which he:

a. Interviewed 1st Lt HUGH E. GILMORE, JR., 01042577, being assigned this Wing as a specially trained flak officer. He has been an instructor in the AA School, Camp Davis. He is a graduate of the AAF Intelligence School.

b. Discussed bomb scoring methods with the Operations Analysis Section and left a copy of the OTOPENI A/D bombing job for use in "Straight and Level".

c. Recommended the 15th Air Force replace its present "Safe Area Map" of the Balkans with one developed at 449th Bomb Gp.

d. Discussed briefing of combat crews relative to Vis Island with ACofS, A-2. It is particularly important that bombs be jettisoned at sea before landing is attempted on the Vis strip.

Lt Col SMAITH, 450th Bomb Group, CO of the Allied airmen prison camp at BUCHAREST, will report on his experiences at the Tuesday news meeting.

Advised by HQ, 15th Air Force that Col P. M. BARR is available as per our request to lecture on the Balkan situation. Date remains to be set.



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A-3 SECTION

Major KLEMT talked to 4 Bombardiers returning from Air Force Bombing School. Also talked to them about Wing A-3 policy. Also talked to 4 Bombardiers going to Air Force Bombing School.

TRAINING:

98th - 8 a/c on #4 Range - 10 bombs each.
8 a/c on Gunnery Range.
2 PFF a/c practice bomb destroyer.
16 a/c practice formation flight.

376th - 13 a/c practice formation.
4 a/c to Gunnery Range.
2 PFF a/c practice mission.
4 a/c to #4 Bomb Range.
4 a/c transition flight.
2 a/c practice setting up C-1.

449th - 28 a/c practice formation flight.
9 a/c to Bomb Range #3.
7 a/c to Gunnery Range.
11 a/c calibration instruments.
1 a/c PFF practice bomb.
1 a/c GEE navigation flight.
2 a/c navigation flight.
4 a/c practice formation.
1 a/c high altitude test 20,000 ft.

450th - 28 a/c practice formation flight.
12 a/c to Gunnery range.
2 a/c PFF mission to destroyer.
4 a/c on Bombing range.
4 a/c calibration and swing compass.

SURGEON

Major BROWN is still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

Attended meeting of Wing Ordnance Officers at the Fifteenth Air Force Ordnance Section.

OTHER SECTIONS.

Routine duties.

End...



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Saturday
2 September 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

242 Group RAF, Taranto notified us that they had recovered the bodies of three (3) American airmen off Taranto. Checked names, ASN's, etc.. they were not members of this command. Graves registration, Bari notified.

Lt DAVIDOFF, 12th Weather Officer transferred to San Severo. To depart this date.

Received information from British AA Commander that there will be practice AA fire (light) at the following fields, time and date indicated:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| San Pancrazio | 2100 hours | 6 Sept. |
| Manduria | 2100 hours | 7 Sept. |

A-3 Section notified.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force is getting from United Kingdom the following combat personnel

246 - Arm-Gunners
18 - Rad-Gunners
93 - Mech-Gunners
180 - Aerial-Gunners

We asked for:

90 - Arm-Gunners
10 - Rad-Gunners
20 - Mech-Gunners
40 - Aerial-Gunners.

1st Lt McM.IR is being assigned to us from Air Force. He is qualified as Squadron Adjutant and is one of the 2 administrative officers promised the 98th Bomb Gp.

Capt GRIMMER's D.F.C. approved and on orders.

51 enlisted men, V.H. Cadre replacements for 98th Bomb Gp to be picked up, 3 Sept at 19th Repl Bn.

1 - Major
6 - Company grade officers, and
64 - Enlisted Men, (total of 71) for ground rotation.



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Diary, 2 Sept 44. Sat.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARDEN, Maj ELLIOTT, to Isle of Capri.

TRAINING FOR THE DAY:

98th - 3 a/c on #4 Range.
2 a/c PFF Range.

376th - 2 a/c PFF photo bomb.
4 a/c #4 Range, 10 bombs each.

449th - 1 a/c navigation.
1 a/c PFF Range.
1 a/c Gunnery.
1 a/c #4 Range.
4 a/c Test Hops.
1 a/c PFF photo.

450th - 2 a/c #4 Range, lead crews.
2 a/c PFF range.
4 a/c Gunnery.
3 a/c navigation.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

On 31 Aug and 1 Sept 44, Capt MARTIN and Tech Rep, Mr JARVIS and Mr. FITZGERALD visited the Pathfinder Shops of the 449th, 450th, 98th and 376th Bomb Groups. Morale of themen was much better now that they have received quite a large amount of spare parts and test equipment. The new shops at the 98th and 449th have been well organized. Shop construction is completed except for minor improvements. Equipment repair records were found to be incomplete in all 4 shops and suggestions were given on how to improve all records and maintenance. The 376th and 98th have developed and tested an improved method of pressurizing the H2X set which was approved by Mr. JARVIS and FITZGERALD and will soon be installed in all units of the 15th Air Force as soon as parts [redacted] can be collected. This system is well suited to work with the new type pressure pump expected from the States soon.

On 2 Sept. a shipment of 32 sets of RCM equipment which covers a different frequency band than the present set in use has been received at the 450th and it is expected that installation work will be slow unless assistance can be obtained from Depot installation crew.

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Diary, 2 Sept 44.

SURGEON

A member of the No. 5 Base Transfusion Unit visited today. Major [redacted], 450th Surgeon, Major [redacted], 62d Service Center, Surgeon, Capt [redacted], and Capt [redacted] of the Hq Sq were called in. The plan and method of blood donations was discussed and it was decided that the 450th Field would be the base at which the 62d, the Hq Sq and the 450th would be cared for. The unit plans to operate Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the coming week. An additional team of the Unit will be at the 376th Bomb Group on Tuesday and Wednesday. The unit hopes to procure 1000 donors. Only type "O" is desired.

Major GAVIN is visiting Rome.

Major [redacted] is still in the Hospital.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Contacted Major VAN [redacted] (CO of 331st Service Sq) and borrowed ten (10) Italian laborers from him for 5 days.

Called 62nd and requested 2 trucks for 5 days.

Called Captain [redacted] (area engineer) to inquire about availability of asphalt to pave basketball courts. Asphalt is available but requires special handling that Italian labor cannot perform. Engineers do not have personnel to spare to do the job.

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D A I L Y  D I A R Y

1 September 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

I visited the AF yesterday and talked to:

a. General Twining; he is extremely well pleased with our bombing. A-2 pick out some good bomb strike photos on each mission. Mark them well, and I will send them up to Gen Twining for his photo book.

b. Col E. K. Taylor about:

1. VH Cadres (he is embarrassed). He said that the replacements are very poor, some have court martial records. A-1 watch out.
2. Wing citation, he thinks it has a chance of going thru.
3. About the letter on A/C going down in Vis, he said that it was a general letter aimed at only the guilty.

c. Col Maxwell about a check up on the B-24 going into Vis, so Col Murry and I will fly over there in a few days to take a look.

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A-1 SECTION

Requested 2 administrative officers for the 98th Bomb Gp and 2 personal equipment officers for the 449th Bomb Gp. Air Force said that they may be able to furnish officers in the near furture.

Requested AF for 2 telephone operators (650) for 331st Signal.

A-2 SECTION

TWX to all groups informing the S-2 the speed and direction of wind at bombing altitude over the target is to be furnished for all subsequent missions. This data will be shown on the Bomb Fall Plots.

Capt Dodd at 15th AF conferring with operations analysis section. The only criticism was directed toward over-editing on occasion by one of the groups and against occasional failure of a group to get photographs of bombs in the air. There was no criticism of the accuracy of our bomb plots.

The consolidated mission re ort hereafter will include results of the first photo report (based on a quick interpretation of the wet negatives). Time required to submit such a report also will be noted.

A-3 SECTION

GROUP TRAINING FOR TODAY:

| | |
|---|---|
| 449th - 2 a/c gunnery | 450th - 4 a/c on #4 range |
| 4 a/c on #4 range | 1 a/c PFF Dest. |
| 6 a/c local trans. | 2 a/c gunnery |
| 1 a/c navigation | 3 a/c navigation |



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A-3 SECTION CONT'D

98th - 2 a/c on #4 range, cal.,AS & Comp.
2 a/c on #4 range.
2 a/c Photo Bomb A/D
1 a/c Nav & Trans.
4 a/c Cal. AS & Comp
3 a/c Navigation.

376th - 2 a/c Transition
1 a/c FFF Photo
1 a/c on #4 Range, Bombing and Gunnery
3 a/c Test hops.

Capt Staley - Tactical inspection of the 376th Bomb Gp

Maj Elliott - Observed a briefing and went on mission with 450th.

Lt Col Warren - Routine - to Capri on Sept 2, 1944.

A-4 SECTION

Capt Davis visited AF Engineer (C of E) Bari, for the purpose of obtaining information as to winterization program pertaining to new buildings for this Wing.

The British Engineers are going to release two Flambo huts for dispensaries, one for the 449th and one for this Headquarters. These huts will be released within the next ten (10) days.

ORDNANCE

Accompanied Col Walters to Depot No. 11 on inspection.

Called AF again regarding flak suits and they promised to have some delivered during the week.

Checked with Ordnance Department, 15th AF, on the status of Lt Ellis, 449th Gp, who is there on DS.

SURGEON

Maj Thorpe visited this office today. The Sanitary Posters on health were discussed and also Medical Disposition Board cases.

The T/O and T/BA changes in medical department personnel for Heavy Bomb Gps have been received. The changes are radical. The equipment is that of an Air Base Dispensary and includes facilities for caring and treating in "quarters" 12 patients. Also includes its own messing facilities, field X Ray and laboratory equipment. One medical officer and 3 medical dept EM will remain with each Squadron, while Hqs will have theGp Surgeon, A dentist, MAC officer and 24 EM. This is an increase in one officer (MAC) and a decrease of one EM total in the Gp. This arrangement was strongly advocated when hospital facilities were so scarce. At present the 449th Gp will be given the equipment and a trial "set-up" be established. Three EM of that Gp are in training at the 26th General Hosp as laboratory, surgical and ward work.

Maj Brown is still in the hospital.

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SPECIAL SERVICE

Capt Mc Padden took the two inspectors down to the 376th Gp yesterday morning and then to the 449th Gp in the afternoon. The 376th Gp seemed to know just about what we wanted but the 449th was just a little behind the other groups. They will have to appoint an officer in charge of orientation that does not have anpother duties. As you know that is what is called for. From all the information that they have sent down and all the checking that they are doing on this program it must be one that they think will be of a great help to the men at the present and also when this war ends in this theater.

PX rations were drawn and issued yesterday. Both officers and enlisted men were short on coke bottles. These bottles must be turned in each week. Request that all the shot bottles be returned to the PX, at least by Saturday of this week. The enlisted men are short 65 bottles and the officers 60. The officers have their bottles if the men would drink the coca cola.

Joe Louis show visited the different Gps yesterday. We have the Bebe Daniles show coming in today. The schedule will be on the bulliten board.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Monthly defense-day was observed as usual at Wing Hqs. Results were good, officers and EM all carrying equipment in preparedness for the gas coverage which came at ap roximately 11:00.

CHIEF OF STAFF CONF'D

d. Col Young on flak officer and Gp S-2 briefing on A/C landing at Vis, all new crews should be thoroughly briefed on it and every two weeks or so all crews should be re-briefed on it. Everybody say's that A/C should stay out of there unless it is absolutely necessary to land there.

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31 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

A-1 SECTION

Capt Eagen and Lt Marshall completed the enlisted men's classification and audit of the 47th Wing and stated that our records were in better condition than other organizations that they audited.

AF requested that a crew be placed on DS to the 885th Bomb Sq and must be at their new station by the evening of the 1st Sept. A crew from the 98th Bomb Gp was selected and will fly an aircraft assigned to the 885th from the 376th.

Maj Dundes states that we will not receive any crews for about two (2) weeks and by Nov 30th we will have 96 or more combat crews. Maj Dundes agreed to give us 4 crews coming in from the "UK". These crews are to be assigned to the 449th Bomb Gp.

47 VH replacements will arrive 98th Bomb Gp on 2 Sept and 46 VH replacements will arrive 376th same date. Remainder of replacements will follow.

Request for battle participation award for 47th Wing returned to Hq ETO thru channels, amended to delete 331st Sig Co.(Air Offensive Europe).

A-2 SECTION

Col Young, AG of S, A-2, 15th AF reports that artillery officers trained to be flak specialists have arrived from the States. One will be assigned to this wing, arriving early next week. Requested that he be in the grade of lieutenant, which Col Young approved.

Capt Cawse-Morgon at 15th AF Hq on counterintelligence matters. One additional case opened.

A-3 SECTION

Meeting held with group CO's and operations personnel on A-3 program.

Wing now leads Air Force in bombing for past month.

376th had accident - crew killed near Naples - ship was supposed to be on local test hop. Details unknown as yet.

Training:

98th - 8 a/c #4 Range
2 a/c FFF Dest.
8 a/c Gunnery Range
16 a/c Calibration
3 a/c Nav and Trans.

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A-3 SECTION CONT'D.

376th - 4 a/c PFF Dest.
4 a/c Gunnery
6 a/c Calibration
2 a/c Bomb Range #4 (Lead checks)
29 a/c Checking A-'s and S-1's
2 a/c #4 Range Vis. Bombing
1 a/c Photo Bomb Mission
3 a/c High Alt Test Hops.

449th - 16 a/c formation
12 a/c Gunnery
3 a/c PFF Dest.
5 a/c Trans.
2 a/c Nav.
1 a/c Photo (Local) High Alt.
2 a/c Bomb Range #3

450th - 28 a/c Form Bombing
3 a/c Gunnery (Nom.)
12 a/c Gunnery (Aft.)
2 a/c On Dest. (Pff)
4 a/c XC Nav. Flights
2 a/c Trans.

A-4 SECTION

Capt Moover S-4, 62nd, notified this office of a MDL box factory that his department will start operating in one week. Groups will draw direct from the S-4, 62nd Service Gp.

ORDNANCE

The 98th and 376th Groups reported that each was short an air compressor. Secure same for both.

The Groups did not receive any distribution of flak suits this week.

SURGEON

Maj Gavin visited the 98th Bomb Gp today.

Maj Brown is till in the hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Maj Evans from MTO and Lt Guigger from 15th AF are down checking on orientation and education in the Wing. We had a meeting at the 450th Gp and very little was being done on orientation but a very good education program is in full swing. Capt McFadden has made arrangements for meetings at each Gp in the next three days. Everything has been taken care of.



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SPECIAL SERVICE CONTD

The Joe Louis show was very good last evening and they had a grand turn out from all Groups. We plan to have a Wing boxing show in the near future. Dates will be given later.

The Bebe Daniels Show will be in the area tomorrow. We have arranged with the 376th Group to pick them up and get them down here. This is a very good show.

A very few supplies were received from 15th AF a couple of days ago.

ADJUTANT

Lt Farris relieved from further duty as Officer Courrier and Asst A-4 and detailed to duty in the A-3 Section as Asst Bombardier.

Maj Dennis to report to this headquarters this date for duty as Officer Courrier.
Directive received from 15th AF that the city of Florence is "Off Limits" to all personnel until further notice.

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D A I L Y  D I A R Y

30 August 1944

ADJUTANT.

Col Maxwell called and requested that Lt ANDREWS and crew of 376th who had a force landing on the island of VIS report to his office Thursday AM, 31 August 1944 for interview concerning incidents that occured after landing. Group notified.

A-1 SECTION

Received new quotas on Rome and Capri Rest Camps. Capri opens for business on 1 Sept.

Rome Quota is 8 officers and 25 enlisted men each. 3 days per combat group and 5 officers and 13 enlisted men for Wing Hqs and all other units.

Capri quota is 6 officers and 12 enlisted men per combat group and 2 officers and 2 enlisted men for Wing Hqs and all other units.

No news as yet on VHC replacements.

A-2 SECTION

Letter from Air Force calling for a halt in discussion of military matters with Red Cross and USO personnel, forwarded to all Groups for compliance. It is also being bucked around this headquarters.

A-3 SECTION

Col Appold visited 15th AF for conference on radar maintenance and operation.

Maj Elliott: Routine duties.

Capt Staley on 29/8/44 visited 98th Gp for Tactical Inspection. 30/8/44 routine.

Capt Von Hoy visited 449th and talked to Col Blase on gunnery program and stepping up gunnery training on range. Also talked to Capt Stein on indoctrination of new crews and the continued training of older crews.

Lt Sjoberg flew practice camera bombing mission (Lecce) with 98th Gp.

AERIAL TRAINING FOR 30 AUGUST 1944

98th 1 a/c high altitude test
2 a/c on #4 bomb range
1 a/c to gunnery range

449th 1 a/c on destroyer
2 a/c high altitude test. Page -1-

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A-3 SECTION CONT'D

449th- 1 a/c high altitude local test.

376th 1 a/c high altitude test
3 a/c on bombing range #4
2 PFF practice

450th 1 a/c to Palconara
28 a/c formation bombing practice bombing.
3 Navigation flights

ORDNANCE

Shipped two, ¾ ton trucks to the 449th Bomb Gp.

The 98th Bomb Gp reported that it had two, 2½ ton trucks deadlined for parts which the base Ordnance Company could not procure. Contacted 15th AFSC and they promised to have the parts down in three days.

The 449th Bomb Gp reported that the Bomb Release Flare performed very satisfactorily and that they like it.

WEATHER

Visited 376th Bomb Gp on 28th Aug for purpose of inspecting weather station and checking on weather service to the Group.

Weather station in excellent condition and service to group ver satisfactory. All instructions from this Headquarters concerning weather briefing complied with.

HQ COMMANDANT

Visited 62nd to discuss supply problems with Capt Mover and Lt Claneg.

331st Signal Co is wiring the intire Sq area for lighting.

Received letter on requirements at Lecce PxO station. Discussed this with Major Faust, Surgeon for 62nd.

A-4 SECTION

Capt Davis inspected run-ways, taxie strips and hard-stands at 449th.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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29 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Capt La BOUNTY (Observer) reported for duty.

A-1 SECTION

AF states that we may reasonably expect to be up to T/O strength per group (96 crews) withing 3 months.

Very Heavy cadre replacements are not available and from all appearances we will not get but about 30% of partially or wholly trained personnel. Capt Bernstein is going over to the 19th Repl Pool to try to get what trained personnel he can. We submitted a list of critical shortages (which they already had) so they can "try" again.

All Yugoslavs (combat members) 376th are now eligible for the Air Medal. Action is being taken.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted regular weekly operations meeting.

Colonel Manzo reported that plotting at the 98th indicated the Group had set a new record in bombing accuracy. The bomb fall plot prepared at this headquarters was only slightly under the 96.8% reported by Col Manzo. The Wing P.I. counted 94.4%.

Letter to all groups requesting special information relating to fighter activities and tactics on mission in which any group loses three or more bombers to fighters or on which ten or more fighters make determined attacks. This data is to reach Wing by 2000 hours the day of the mission, and will be forwarded to Air Force.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Rose went on mission of 28 August.

Maj Nugent: Attended meeting at 450th on Radio release and experimented in airplane



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A-3 SECTION CONT'D

Lt Sjoberg - Rode a check ride with bombardier - Mickey team of the 376th making synchronous camera bombing runs on Lecce.

Group Training:

98th - 2 a/c on #4 Range
1 PFF on destroyer
3 a/c a/s calib. and comp.
2 a/c transition
8 men Norden sight
22 men radio exam
20 men armament lecture
4 men C-1 trainer

376th - 2 radar a/c - radar check
1 a/c - XC
3 a/c - Transition
2 a/c - Test Hop
2 a/c - XC Transition

A-4 SECTION

Field maintenance construction has begun at the 449th Bomb Gp

In the near future wooden bomb bay ribs for ditching will arrive. These ribs will be installed by crew members upon receiving ditching orders from pilot, said ribs fit between lower longerons and cat walk. These ribs are to prevent bomb bay door from collapsing upon impact.

Ice cream freezers can be moved to Wing, Group or Squadron areas upon consent of owners. But they cannot be forced to move.

SURGEON

Routine duties

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE SECTION

The Bomb Release Flare has been tested and is installed in aircraft of the 449th Bomb Gp who will use it on tomorrow's mission.

Headlight Tracer, .50 cal. ammunition is now available for use if desired by the Groups.

End . . . . . .



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Monday
28 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

I went with the 449th Bomb Group on yesterdays mission and I noted:

a. The mission briefing was excellent, the crews had everything presented to them that they might need on the mission.

b. The take-off was good and the assembly was excellent.

c. The rendezvous was on the minute and at the prescribed altitude.

d. Navigation was excellent.

e. Bombing was excellent-all in all the mission was well organized and superbly executed.

Major DONOVAN, 450th Bomb Group Adjutant, called and said that Lt Col SMAITH (450th Operations Officer) was safe in Bucharest, for which everyone is delighted, as he is a mighty good boy.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that "we" welcomed Capt CAMES-McGON and Lt MATHEWS yesterday at the "Volley ball staff Conference"

Major ELLIOTT A-3 Navigator has been asked to plot an accurate course to: "Conference Hall" for the rest of our timid staff members.

Capt Mc FADDEN is terribly dicappointed that he is fast losing his prospective "drill army" to the volley ball, hand ball, and bicycle brigade.

ADJUTANT

Lt Col WALTERS and Lt COOPER went to Air Force today to attend an Adjutants' meeting.

A-1 SECTION

Lt Col CASEY and Maj BECKEL, Officers Qualification committee left today for 15th Air Force.

Air Force requested a clerk that was experienced in writing letters of Condolence and good diction of the English vocabulary. (So would we). Air Force stated that we had to furnish this clerk.

98th Bomb Group requested S-2 Officers talked to Wing A-2 and he stated that the Air Force were receiving 50 Intelligence Officers and Wing would receive priority.



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Diary, Monday, 28 Aug 44.

A-2 SECTION

98th Bomb Group complained of lack of Photo film because of delay in delivery of requisition. Contacted Lt GANDY, Wing Photo Officer, who arranged for immediate delivery of film.

A-3 SECTION

Capt GRIMMER visited 98th and 376th to make arrangements for Link Trainer for 98th Bomb Group.

Lt SJOBERG (27 Aug 44) flew check ride with crew from 449th making camera bomb run of Lecce.

Capt STALEY, tactical inspection of 98th.

Major NUGENT 28th Aug 44, Presented training film to 449th and 450th with Norden Tech Representative from 15th Air Force. 27th Aug 44 went on practice bombing mission. 28th Aug article on causes of bombing errors.

WING TRAINING FOR 28th Aug 44:

98th - 1 PFF ship practice bombing on destroyer. 10 bombs.
2 a/c practice bombing on #4 Range.
2 a/c navigation flight.
2 a/c calibrate air speed and swing compass.

449th - 2 a/c practice bombing #3 Range.
1 a/c to gunnery range.
3 a/c instrument calibration.
2 a/c navigational flight.
2 a/c practice formation.

376th - 1 a/c practice bombing. 10 bombs (2 bombardiers).

450th - 2 a/c transition.
1 a/c navigational flight.
2 PFF ships to destroyer range - 5 bombs each.
4 a/c practice bombing on #3 Range. 5 bombs.

Being over trained
[illegible]

A-4 SECTION

Capt DAVIS went to Bari to take money for Officers special rations that will be issued in the next few days. (Assorted brands).

SURGEON

Maj BROWN is still in the hospital. Condition is not getting any better.

ORDNANCE

Have made arrangements to secure modified handle retracting slide assemblies for .50 cal. machine guns used in waist guns of aircraft.



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Diary, Mon 28 Aug 44.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Started construction of a Basketball court across the South ends of the Volley Ball courts. Dimensions: 42' x 76'.

Capt MOVER called to discuss procurement of materials and Ice Cream consumption reports.

SPECIAL SERVICE

BEBE DANIELS SHOW

"HI GANG" with * REN LYON
* BEBE DANIELS
* JACKIE HUNTER

will be presented to local GI audiences for 4 days, starting next saturday, 2 September. In support of these Stars are three (3) girl dancers and a 16 piece GI orchestra.

SCHEDULE

| | Group | Time | Date | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 376th Bomb Group | 3:00 - 7:00 PM | 2 September | Saturday |
| | 449th Bomb Group | 3:00 - 7:00 PM | 3 September | Sunday |
| * | 62d Service Group | 3:00 PM | 4 September | Monday |
| * | 450th Bomb Group | 8:30 PM | 4 September | Monday |
| | 98th Bomb Group | 3:00 - 8:00 PM | 5 September | Tuesday |

* Our personnel can see the show at either of these units.

JOE LOUIS SHOW

JOE LOUIS (S/Sgt) will be at the 450th Bomb Group on Wednesday 30 August 1944. The bouts will start at 7:30 PM.

On Thursday the Troupe will tour the other Groups, putting on skits and signing authographs. They will appear at the 60th TC Group at 11:00 AM.

98th Bomb Group - 2:00 PM
376th Bomb Group - 4:00 PM
449th Bomb Group - 8:00 PM.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

End...



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47TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

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Sunday
27 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Talked to Col R. K. TAYLOR, Chief of Staff, 15th Air Force about:

a. Replacements (V.H. Cadres) they are in Naples and should be here today or Monday. If they do not arrive by Tuesday, call Col Taylor.

b. Brief D.F.C. award Orders. He says that due to the fact all D.F.C. citations are so much alike and also to save time the Orders awarding them are cut down, but the total citation is sent to Washington.

Have gone with the 449th Bomb Group on todays mission.

A-1 SECTION

7 additional EM authorized for ground rotation giving us a total of 75 EM, 8 officers.

NO medical certificate needed for combat crews returning to U. S. upon completion of a normal tour of duty. All others require a medical certificate as was previously used for all combat personnel returning to U. S.

Lt Col GANLY and Major MITCHELL are now at the 98th Bomb Group on Officer Qualification Audit.

Col WARNER, A-1, 15th AF stated that V. H. Cadre replacements will start arriving the 28th or 30th August. Col WARNER ok'ed sending us
1 - Lt Colonel
3 - Majors
for prospective Deputy and Squadron Commanders.

A-2 SECTION

Capt CURRY, 10526 M. P. Co brought an Italian woman in for interrogation relative to suspicious activities. Information obtained and referred to CIC.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARNER requested that Air Force remove searchlights from our Bases if no more night work is planned. Requested special scoring of 376th and 98th Bomb Groups mission of 26th August.

Capt VAN NOY - Lt LARSON, came in today, made arrangements for Gunnery Officers Quarters on #4 Bomb Range, details included in Ltr to Adjutant.

Diary, 27 Aug 44.

A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Aerial Training for 27 August:

98th Bomb Group - 2 a/c on range #4 - 10 bombs each.
1 a/c PFF target.
1 a/c - transition.
2 - a/c - Navigation flight.

376th Bomb Group - 2 a/c - PFF target.

449th Bomb Group - 1 a/c - Navigation flight.
2 a/c - PFF target.
1 a/c - gunnery.

450th Bomb Group - 2 a/c - Navigation flight.
4 a/c - Bomb range.
2 a/c - PFF Target.

SURGEON

Major BROWn is still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

Expect to secure in the next 3 weeks 8 Skeet guns and 10 Skeet traps for each Group in the Wing.

Air Force informs that no 2½ ton trucks are available at the present time as they are being sent to Southern FRANCE.

Requested all Ordnance Officers to familiarize themselves with the long delay tail fuze so that they will be able to give at a minutes notice proper instructions to Bombardiers.

SIGNAL )
CHEMICAL WARFARE )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.
HQ. COMMANDANT )
OTHER SECTIONS )

End.....



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
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Saturday
26 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF of STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

If any Section has anything for publication in the Weekly BULLETIN it should be submitted today.

Sections are not taking advantage of this publication. The BULLETIN is an official publication and is given general distribution to all units, staff sections, service command, etc.. It may be used instead of unnumbered Memorandums, miscellaneous subject letters, and other directives. It is classified as Restricted and may contain any information or directive not Secret or Confidential.

A-1 SECTION

Capt THOMAS J. L. JOBIN, Engineer Officer, 449th Bomb Group was transferred to 98th Bomb Group.

47th Wing citation has been completed and forwarded to 15th Air Force.

Major MARTINETTI in charge of 15th Air Force reclassification of enlisted men has returned to 15th Air Force. The 98th and 449th Bomb Groups have not been audited as yet.

The Very Heavy Cadre replacements will not be received until 3 or 4 more days or longer.... Explained that we needed personnel desperately.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to 15th Air Force requesting a Balkan affairs expert be made available for a lecture on the current situation to Wing Headquarters and the 4 Groups.

Drafted letter on target identification training for Wing Commander's signature. Submitted copy to Major MCGAW, Wing Bombardier, for comment before release.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARDEN went on mission with 450th Bomb Group.

GROUP TRAINING:

(Contd.)



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Diary, 26 August 1944.

A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

GUNNERY TRAINING:

98th - 19 men, code class, 1 hour.
8 men, Norden trainer.
14 men, Link trainer.
6 men, camera lecture.
1 a/c navigation flight.
2 a/c bomb range #4.
1 a/c FFF on destroyer target.

376th - 2 a/c radar bombing.

449th - 3 a/c transition
2 a/c NB - navigation.

A-4 SECTION

The 450th and 376th Bomb Groups will make arrangements with the Engineers to get crushed lime stone from the pits in this area. The arrangement to get this material will be secondary to that being used by the Engineers for the runways, etc... The 449th Bomb Gp will have access to a gravel pit through arrangement with the Engineers on their field. No arrangement for the 98th Bomb Group as of today.

An old German munitions factory was inspected, in the event it can be requisitioned, adequate material will be available for winterization of living quarters for the Wing.

SIGNAL

Major WRIGHT visited 286th Wing Sector Control Office at Neutral. The main problem facing the British is "How to continue their VHF distress procedure after losing to another organization one or more of their VHF services". The 286th Wing has handled, in conjunction with BIG ASCOT, all distress and MAYDAY calls in the 47th Wing Section of Italy. Wing Commander advised to contact British Signal Liaison officer, 15th Air Force.

A comparison between British and American Signal equipment would rate the mobile and stationary units of the latter as being far superior in all ways.

ORDNANCE

Air Force informs that our Groups will receive an allotment of flak suits next week.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

Friday
25 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Combat-Service Groups meeting was held at the 450th Bomb Group.

Colonels MAXWELL, WARNER, from Air Force, and Colonel COBLIN, Deputy CG, 15th Air Force Service Comd came down. A great many questions were brought up, which most of them were answered by Col MAXWELL and Col WARNER.

After lunch we inspected the 331st Signal Co (Wg) and Hq Sq with Wing. These two units were easily the best looking outfits that we found in the entire Wing especially the 331st Signal Co.

The Staff Stations were in excellent condition, the officers quarters were in good shape.

Colonels WARNER, MAXWELL, COBLIN and I drove down to Santa Cesarea. A great deal of improvement has been made down there since we turned it over to the 15th Air Force. Major McC FADDEN is doing an excellent job. (Of course the lobster and chicken dinner had no influence on our decision)...

ADJUTANT

Lt's COOPER and FANNIS (Officer Couriers) assigned additional duties as indicated:

Lt COOPER - Asst Adjutant and Investigating Officer.
vice Lt SIMMONS transferred.
Lt FANNIS - Asst A-4 Section.

Col COGLAND to return to duty this date...

A-1 SECTION

Air Force requested the availability of Capt Wm C. FANNIS, Group S-2, 376th Bomb Gp for duty with U.S. contingent for Balkan Affairs, USAFME. No decision has been made in this case.

Air Force requested Capt PORTER, 98th Bomb Gp to return to the Zone of Interior with a contingent of French personnel. Air Force stated that orders would be published immediately.

Major SWAN, Sq Commander, 449th Bomb Group has been selected to visit the 5th Army on the 30th August.

Air Force states that it will be necessary to place combat crews on DS with the 885th Sq until a new T/O, now in Wash, D.C. under study is received. Present T/O does not include combat crew personnel.

Legion of Merit approved recommendation on M/Sgt Jachimiec forwarded to Hq 15th Air Force.



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A-2 SECTION

Conference of all Group A-2's conducted at Wing Hq on ways and means of improving target identification. Lt Col THOMAS and Maj MCCLAY, Wing Bombardier, preparing letter to Group Commanders outlining a program.

Air Force requested availability of Capt PARKER, 376th S-2 for assignment to USAFIME, Balkans Section. No information available as to what job he is to have.

Where Groups have at least one print of a target photograph, additional copies as required will be reproduced by the Groups rather than at Wing Headquarters as heretofore. The Group photo laboratories are better equipped to handle this work than is the small Wing laboratory. As soon as possible after receipt at Wing of the warning order, Groups will be advised as to the identifying number of the photographs which should be reproduced.

A-3 SECTION

Major ELLIOTT and Capt BROWN, 450th Bomb Gp talked about contents of 15th Air Force letter dated 13th August.

Capt STANLEY went to 98th Bomb Gp and rode with 2 crews.

Radar Recon. ship hit by truck at 376th Bomb Gp on 24th August prior to T/O. Prop and possibly engine must be replaced.

Group Training:

98th - 24 a/c formation.
2 crews checked out.
6 a/c on #4 Range and gunnery range.
2 P/F on radar target.
1 P/F on check.

376th - 4 a/c gunnery range
7 a/c formation

449th - 4 a/c high altitude formation.
3 a/c on range #3 and gunnery
6 a/c formation.
1 a/c on bomb range 3.
1 a/c gunnery
1 a/c destroyer.

450th - 18 a/c formation and range #3.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Maj BROWN is still in the hospital.

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Diary, 25 Aug 44.

ORDNANCE

Tests were conducted with the bomb release flare and they worked perfectly to everybodies satisfaction.

Whipping the Squadron Motor Pool into tip-top shape....

Contacted the Service Group regarding the shortage of 2½ ton trucks at the 98th Bomb Gp and they promised to have least 2 delivered this month.

No relief yet in sight on the flak suit situation.

.. mission at each base of fragmentation bombs is being delivered.

OTHER DUTIES

Routine duties.

End.....



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KODAK SAFETY FILM

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Thursday
24 August 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col KYLE, Col WARNER, Col MAXWELL, went to Santa Cesarea.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Discussed with Col WARNER various A-1 problems. Called to his attention that service command was "sluffing" undesireable personnel off on us. He said he was not aware of that but would correct it. requested names of all personnel rotated but whom no replacements have been received within 90 days. The colonel stated he would try to get action on this.

M/Sgt WEEKS, 98th Bomb Gp, chosen for appointment to 2d Lieutenant. His papers have been forwarded to AAF/MTO for final action. WOJG PANGALOS is to report to the Examination Board for interview on his application for commission as soon as he returns from Rome.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted news and operations for Officers participating in Wing inspection.

A-3 SECTION

Launch from Taranto will take A-3 inspector out to target boat Saturday at 0830 hours.

Bomb release flare failed in test today due to either improper wiring or malfunction of electrical circuit. Flare being ~~reviewed~~ rewired and tests will continue.

Early return from mission of 449th Bomb Gp was fired on by Bari flak They are investigating at Bari.

2 a/c (replacement) assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th - 1 PFF on destroyer.
2 a/c on #4 Range.
3 a/c test hops.

376th - 1 a/c bombing.

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Diary, 24 Aug 44.

A-3 SECTION (CONTD)

Group Training (Contd.)

449th - 2 a/c formation
2 a/c bombing
2 a/c gunnery
1 a/c compass swing
1 a/c navigation

450th - 2 FFF bombing
5 a/c on Range #3.
2 a/c transition.
2 a/c navigation.

A-4 SECTION

Effective this date the QM Corps in Manduria will furnish ten (10) additional blocks of Ice per day. This will be divided among the Wing Officers Mess, Wing Hq Sq, and the 331st Signal Co.

At present the Corps of Engineers do not need additional trucks, and do not contemplate having to call on this Wing for more trucks.

Pictures taken of water standing in areas of 449th Bomb Group airdrome were given to the area engineer.

SURGEON

Lt Col CASEY returned to duty from the hospital.

Lt Col COGLAND and Major BROWN are still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

A fire occurred at Depot No. 1 in the salvage dump. The Service Comd is conducting an investigation. It is reported that no large piles of salvage will not be allowed to accumulate. At our bases their are no large piles of salvage lying around.

Accompanied the inspection party on tour of inspection to the 450th Bomb Group.

Discussed with Capt KING and Lt HART the maintenance of the electrical system on aircrafts to fire the special projectile.

Received authority for 80,000 rounds of skeet ammunition. Requested the fields to be stocked with this ammunition.

HQ. COMMANDANT

The inspection of Wing Hq and Hq Sq was made and it now being over we are going ahead with our plans for improvements. Next on the program: area fills and stone walks designed to eliminate water stands during rainy season. We are also working on a new mess and club for the EM designed to accomodate the movie theater for the Sq and 331st Sig Co.



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APO 520 US ARMY

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Wednesday
23 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col KYLE went to 450th Bomb Gp briefing room this morning. The combat-service units rep-Meeting is being held there, commencing at 9:00 AM.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Planes from other Wings are transporting personnel for Santa Cesarea Rest Camp and landing after1100 hours. The truck leaves at 1000 hours for Santa Cesarea causing an additional trip or waiting until the next day. Air Force informed 2 different times and agreed to place another truck at the 98th for such emergencies.

The officer to the 5th Army was furnished by the 376th Bomb Group. This officer arrived at Bari too late to catch the plane. 376th plans on flying this officer to Cecina.

6 crews arrived today and assigned as follows:
1 - 98th Bomb Gp
1 - 376th Bomb Gp
2 - 449th Bomb Gp
1 - 450th Bomb Gp for DS to 885th Bomb Sq (H), N. Africa.

Received quota of Legion of Merit for 1 enlisted man of Wing Hq.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to all Groups citing the need for closer attention to flak information and requesting this headquarters be furnished with the name of the Intelligence Officer designated to be a flak specialist, so that close liaison can be maintained between Lt. GILLAM and Group flak officers.

Conferred with Capt CROSS concerning intelligence personnel problems in the 98th Bomb Gp. Advised A-1 of approval of transfer of Capt. WILSON to 306th Wing, as per request from that Wing.

Two Groups failed to get evasion aid reports in on time Tuesday night, so checked with them, emphasizing such reports must come forward immediately to guarantee that adequate ground assistance is provided the evaders.

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A-3 SECTION

Group Training:

98th - 12 a/c on Range #4.
6 a/c on Gunnery Range.
2 a/c on Target ship.
2 a/c transition.

376th - No training.

449th - 3 a/c on gunnery range.
1 a/c navigation flight.
1 a/c on GEE mission.
1 a/c on FFF mission.

450th - 2 a/c on gunnery range.

1 replacement a/c assigned to 98th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Discussed with Capt BURRIS policies concerning the Hq Sq Motor Pool.

Air Force informs that flak suits are on ship at Taranto but will not be off-loaded.

Contacted service group regarding inspection of vehicles of 449th Bomb Gp by 1627th Ordnance S & M Co.

Inspection of the 98th Bomb Gp vehicles as shown a marked improvement in 1st and 2d echelon maintenance.

SURGEON

Col BANSON, Col LOVELACE, and Col ARMSTRONG visited today and accompanied Major GAVIN to the 376th Bomb Gp and 98th Bomb Gp.

Lt Col COGLAND, Lt Col CASEY, and Maj BROWN are still in the Hospital.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Conferred with S-4, 62d Service Gp (Capt MOYER) on materials, i.e., stone blocks, lime, white wash, and cement for repair of office buildings and quarters. We are having great difficulty getting these materials. We have received none through Supply channels for three (3) months.

Lt Col MURRAY made preliminary inspection of Squadron area, and installations at 1400 hours.



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47TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

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Tuesday
22 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

ADJUTANT

Lt SIMMONS departed for new organization.

The Hq Sq Motor Pool is being turned over to Capt PRUDY for a period of one (1) month. This is for the purpose of reorganizing the personnel, maintenance, records, etc..

All Officers will attend the 1:10 PM War Room meeting and the Staff Meeting immediately following....

A-1 SECTION

15th Air Force wants a new estimate of Personnel returning to the U.S. on permanent change of station for September, October and November.

6 crews without aircraft due in 23rd August.

Requested Air Force to furnish a Armament Officer for transfer to 98th Bomb Group.

Replacements for Very Heavy Cadres are now in 19th Replacement Center and it will be necessary for 47th Wing to furnish transportation.

Personnel returning from U.S. on TD and returning for combat are to be given a physical immediately upon return. If they desire to return to the U.S. they may do so at any time. This information was furnished us by Major DUNDAS, combat crew officer, 15th Air Force.

We are to submit 75 names for ground rotation this will be 2 field grade officers and 67 enlisted men. This information must be at Air Force by the 25th. August.

6 COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS

We are having to absorb, (all Wings), the overhead for Air Force because of a change in the utilization of the T/O for the 305th Wing. We have to furnish the following vacancies for Air Force use:

| | 98th | 376th | 449th | 450th | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Major | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Captain | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 1st Lt. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| M/Sgt. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| T/Sgt. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| S/Sgt. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Sgt. | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Cpl. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Pfc. | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 16 |
| Pvt. | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 18 |
| Totals | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 72 |

8 - Officers 64 - Enlisted Men.

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A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

1 crew with aircraft reported in and crew assigned to 376th Bomb Gp.

Approved recommendation for Battle Participation Award for air Offensive "Europe" for 449th Bomb Group forwarded to Hq. 15th Air Force; approved recommendations for Silver Star on T/Sgt C. W. Manion, and S/Sgt H. L. Tomore and DFC on 1st Lt. A. L. Umberger forwarded to Hq. 15th Air Force.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted weekly news and operations conference.

Air Force P&O advised that Lt STEVENSON was not available for assignment elsewhere.

Conferred with Major HAMMOND, S-2, 450th, relative to personnel. He needs 2 Lieutenants.

A-3 SECTION

Group Training:

98th - 3 a/c on #3 Range.
4 a/c transition.

376th - 1 a/c on #4 Range.

449th - 2 a/c on navigation flights.
3 a/c on #3 range.
3 a/c PFF on destroyer
1 a/c gunnery range.
1 a/c altitude test hop.

450th - 2 a/c PFF on destroyer
2 a/c transition.
4 a/c on Range #3.

In future mission analysis from A-3 will include a short P.F summary if PFF was used.

98th will take photo strip of gunnery range today - this will be reproduced and distributed to all Groups.

Major MAGENT visited the 450th talked to lead bombardiers, observed results and discussed techniques employed on releasing bombs. Inspected bomb trainer and beloptican used for off set training.

Air strip for gunnery range is finished and ready for use - the strip is located just West of the Crackling Tower.

A-4 SECTION ) Routine duties.



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Diary, 22 Aug 44, Contd.

SIGNAL

Maj WRIGHT and Capt HARTMAN visited 449th Bomb Group inspected all Squadron Communications Sections and H2X Maintenance Shop. The former were found excellent, the latter busy in the construction of work-benches and storage cabinets.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN attended a Wing Surgeons meeting at the 15th Air Force today.

Lt Col COGLAND and Lt Col CASEY, and Major BROWN are still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

Meeting of all Group Ordnance Officers held. Discussion was held as to improvement of Ordnance Service in this Wing.

Called Service Command as to how soon the shipment of flak suits can be expected.

Checked on the progress made in manufacture of Release Point Markers. I.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Capt BURRIS to 98th Bomb Gp inspection 0715 to 1400 hrs.

Stopped at Lecce Hotel to confer with Mr. PANGALOS and Maj DENNIS.

Squadron Enlisted Men's Dance is the night of Saturday 26 August in Manduria Municipal Hall.

* CHIEF OF STAFF

Col MURRAY, Capt PAGANO, Capt BURRIS, and I inspected the 98th Bomb Group and we found it to be the outstanding Group of the Wing. Lt Col MANZO and especially Lt Col WILSON have done a magnificent job, the 98th Bomb Group as a whole looked better than any Unit I ever saw. Major WEST, Executive Officer of the 343rd Squadron has improved the looks of his Squadron a 1000% (all except his transportation). The 344th Squadron was the outstanding Squadron of the Group. After the inspection (at 1:00 PM) we had a fried chicken dinner with Ice Cream and then went for a swim at the 98th's Beach.

It is firmly believed that these Wing inspections have not only developed a very keen rivalry but they have also brought the Wing closer together. I do not believe that any Wing ever had 4 Groups who were better acquainted with each other or who worked closer together, and this Headquarters has done everything in its power to help and improve all the units of this Wing.



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CHIEF OF STAFF (Contd.)

Every officer in this Headquarters will take at least one (1) hours exercise (volley ball, hand ball, bicycle riding, or a 10 mile hike) everyday. There will be an ole mans' volley ball game every afternoon at 5:00 PM.

The combat-service unit Pep-meeting will be held Thursday, August 24th at the 450th briefing room at 9:00 AM. Col MAXWELL, Col WARDEN, Col BENSON, Col TALLY, and maybe Col TAYLOR from Air Force will be present All department heads except A-2 and A-3 will be present. After the meeting the Group and Squadron CO's, and Executive Officers together with Air Force Officers will have lunch at our Club after which A-2 will give a News Summary. Then we will inspect all Officer's Club, quarters, etc... together with the Hq Co and the 331st Signal Co.

Believe you me those Boys (Group and Squadrons) are out to really inspect this Headquarters (with white gloves on) so get into the saddle gang.

And.....



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APO 520 US ARMY

Monday
21 August 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Colonel KYLE went down to inspect the 98th Bomb Group today.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Called Air Force Re cur replacements for Very Heavy Cadre. Offered to pick them up if they are in Italy. Told them we are critically short on personnel in the 98th and 376th Bomb Groups. They stated they would call back.

2 crews arrived with aircraft:
1 assigned to 450th Bomb Gp
1 assigned to 449th Bomb Gp.

Requested Armament Officer for 98th Bomb Gp.

DFC recommendations for Capt F. C. FOWLER, 2d Lt J. PATTON, S/Sgt W. R. SRACKTA and 1st Lt L. H. SMITH, forwarded to Hq 15th Air Force, approved.

Recommendations of Silver Star for Lt Col W. B. SAWYER, and 1st Lt J. J. PORTER, forwarded to Hq 15th Air Force, approved.

Villagio Mancuso Rest Camp is permanently closed now.

A-2 SECTION

PRO, 15th Air Force, requested availability of Lt STAVINSON for another assignment. Reported this would depend on the kind of replacement which could be furnished.

Checked with 98th and 376th on what appeared to be over-editing of strike photographs on the mission of Sunday. Lack of prints showing development of the attack made it impossible to plot as large a percentage of the total bombs dropped as should be possible on an attack of that type.

Letter to 15th Air Force enclosing an approach photo strip developed by PI Officer, 450th Bomb Group, for further attacks against Romana Americana, should they prove necessary. This particular approach has more easily recognizable check points than the ones used heretofore.



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A-3 SECTION

2 replacement a/c assigned. 1 - 449th: 1 - 450th.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th - 6 a/c transition - formation.
12 a/c on Range #4.
6 a/c gunnery.
3 PFF a/c on destroyer.
12 a/c formation - new crews.

376th - 4 a/c on gunnery.
9 a/c formation.
1 a/c practice bombing on Range #4.

449th - 1 a/c to Rome.
9 a/c altitude mission on Range #4.
2 PFF a/c on destroyer.
8 a/c gunnery.
4 a/c navigation mission.
3 a/c transition.
2 a/c high altitude test.
1 a/c gunnery.

450th -20 a/c formation to Range #3.
6 a/c ~~ob~~ bombing on Range #3.
2 PFF a/c on destroyer.
7 a/c on Gunnery.
3 a/c transition.
1 a/c to Naples.

Capt GRIMMER had meeting with all Group training and PFF officers.

Air Force sent wire directing gunnery range be closed. Phoned Major TWIGGS and he said it was all a mistake - range continues to be open

Permanent tower personnel now assigned to Crackling Tower. These men were briefed on their duties by Col WARDEN, Maj NUGENT, and Capt VON HOY.

All Groups have been instructed to simulate over-the-overcast rendezvous during regular assembly for missions. 376th will do it August 22nd.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

The 62d Service Center now has a permanent man stationed at the Pro Station in Lecce along with the man from the 98th Bomb Group. An additional man is rotated from the 376th and 450th Bomb Groups.

Capt [illegible] was placed on DS at the 15th Air Force for a period of 2 weeks by request of the Air Force.



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SURGEON (Contd)

Lt Col COGLAND and Lt Col CASEY and Major BROWN are still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

Inspected the 47th Headquarters Squadron, 331st Signal Co, and 450th Bomb Gp motor pools, they were satisfactory and the transportation records were adequate.

Visited the Depot No. 11 and discussed policies with the Commanding Officer as to servicing this Wing.

The special project has been adjudged as useful, its now called Release Point Marker I. Pursuant to request of Col MUSH, have ordered manufacture of 32, 2 each for each squadron, also 300 projectiles.

According to the statistical department of the 15th Service Command, this Wing has had the least vehicles deadlined for the last 3 months.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Sunday
20 Aug 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Inspected the 376th Bomb Group. The 512th and 514th Squadrons were in outstandingly good condition, the other two Squadrons were not as clean. Major FULLER, Squadron Executive Officer has done a Superior job, his Squadron was voted the best in the last Wing inspection.

ADJUTANT

Lt SIMMONS reassigned to 128lst Military Police Co (Avn) by Air Force.

A-1 SECTION

Major BEACH-COMER, 15th Air Force Rest Camp Officer called and stated that Villaggio-Mancuso will be closed in about 3 or 4 weeks due to weather conditions.

Capri Rest Camp is closed effective this date for Operational reasons, until 1 September, then operation of Rest Camp will be resumed under the same quotas.

1 crew from the 449th Bomb Group returned to 15th Air Force from the Island of Vis. 449th Bomb Group notified.

3 crews reported in for assignment and assigned as follows:
1 crew - 98th Bomb Gp
1 crew - 376th Bomb Gp
1 crew - 450th Bomb Gp

Found,.... fountain pen. Will be turned over to any one that can identify same.

A-2 SECTION

Investigation of case allegedly involving illegal purchase of American currency in this vicinity begun.

Letter to all Groups listing information needed in the event any 8th Air Force crews land at a base in this Wing.

Capt CAWSE-MORGON is being appointed orientation officer since Capt HAITH, departed.

Distributed to the Groups a photograph showing location of Fields which Germans are believed preparing as bases for Jet Propelled aircraft.



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A-3 SECTION

3 replacement a/c assigned as follows:
1 - 449th Bomb Gp
1 - 450th Bomb Gp
1 - 98th Bomb Gp.

Major MUGENT and Lt ROSE went on mission with 449th Bomb Gp.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th - 2 FFF a/c, 10 bombs each, on destroyer.
1 a/c on Range #3.

449th - 1 a/c on destroyer.
2 a/c on bombing range.

3 crews from 1st Air Force interviewed - all were apparently well trained.

SIGNAL

Major WRIGHT and Capt TERRY made an inspection of Crackling Tower located at the Gunnery Range. It was decided that an SCR 188, operating on AC would be more satisfactory for communication. As soon as the set is available radio mechanics will be dispatched to install it.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN accompanied Col KYLE on an inspection of the 376th Bomb Group.

The 98th and 376th Bomb Groups report that none of their ambulances are in salvageable condition. The 449th Group was contacted to see if they have any in such condition.

Lt Col COGLAND, CASEY, and Maj BROWN are still in the hospital.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Lt TALBOTT to 376th Bomb For inspection tour 0900 hrs returned 1700 hours.

Conferred with Capt MOYER regarding 300 light bulbs and other supplies for Lecce Hotel.

Conferred with Col MARSHALL regarding wood for kitchen at Lecce Hotel XV Air Force Service Comd questioned the quantity required.



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WEATHER

Visited 98th Bomb Gp on 19 Aug 44 and inspected Weather Station and weather service to Group. Weather Station in excellent condition and providing facilities for excellent weather service.

Policy established by this Headquarters for weather briefing has not been complied with recently. Discussed weather briefing policy with Commanding Officer and he is highly in favor of it and situation now corrected.

Suggested lecture to new crews on local and operational area weather conditions be included in training and orientation. Group well satisfied with weather service and improvement expected in near future.

End....



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APO 520

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Saturday
19 August 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

The 376th Bomb Gp will be inspected tomorrow, 20 Aug/44.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties

A-1 SECTION

13 crews arrived and assigned as follows:

5 - 98th
5 - 376th
1 - 450th
2 - 449th

This brings the groups up to following totals as of 1700 hrs today:

63 - 98th
62 - 376th
63 - 449th
64 - 450th

Requested return of Cpl Wensel to Hq Sq. He was found disqualified for parachute training.

Col Manzo requested an Armament Officer to replace Capt Briggs who is being returned T/D to US for gunnery training.

A-2 SECTION

Advised by 15th AF that counter intelligence instructions recently issued from this Hq have been reproduced and distributed to all other Wings.

Because of delays which have hampered the acquisition of civilian clothing required for combat crew photographs, a special visit was made to Hq 62nd Serv Gp. Final authority for such purchases is expected shortly.

15th AF advises that Maj Arthur B. Swan, 449th Gp and Maj Howard A. Davis, 450th Gp were among six officers selected for final interview in connection with selection of an officer for intelligence training intended to lead to a regular commission.



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A-3 SECTION

14 replacement a/c were assigned as follows:

4 - 98th
4 - 376th
2 - 449th
4 - 450th

Pilot of one replacement crew has 130 hrs transition, 200 hrs MTU, 140 hrs with present crew, 20 hrs altitude formation, 25 hrs low altitude formation, 3 months entire crew together. Gunnery: Camera-fighter, air-air, air-ground 6 total missions. Pilot from 1st Air Force.

One crew together 9 weeks during training. 25 hrs formation at 20,000 115 hrs. transition, 200 hrs. with crew, 1 high altitude formation, 3 low altitude. 2 camera gunnery missions. Pilot from 1st Air Force.

One pilot from 4th Air Force: 115 hrs transition, 200 hrs crew time, crew together 4 months. 20 hrs, ~~ZZZ,ZZZ~~ 20,000 formation, 3 - Air to air, 2 air to ground.

Group training:

98th - 6 a/c dry runs, bombing and navigation.
6 a/c range #4 and gunnery range.

449th- 1 PFF a/c on destroyer target.
4 a/c on range #3.
3 a/c on gunnery range.

376th- 3 a/c two sets gunners on gunnery range.
1 PFF a/c on destroyer target.
3 a/c formation flying.
1 a/c compass swing.

450th- 24 a/c formation flying.
4 a/c transition.
2 a/c navigation mission.
6 a/c practice bombing.
6 a/c practice gunnery.

Capt Staley checked 1 crew of 376th Gp.

98th had a/c accident. Ship crashed SE corner of range. Ship burst into flames on hitting water. Entire crew killed.

376th had landing accident - pilot made 2 engine landing and wheels didn't all come down.



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ORDNANCE

Spoke to Col Bothwell, Ord Officer, 15th AF concerning the flak suit situation at the 376th. He informs this office that 280 complete flak suits have left the states by air on 15 Aug/44 and that a large shipment is now on the high seas.

Installed the special project in one of the ships of the 450th Bomb Gp which tried it out this afternoon on its practice mission. The report as received from this group was that it work very satisfactorily. Will install one to be used in tomorrow's mission.

Maj Van Ivins the new CO of Depot No. 11 visited this office.

The 449th is now completely up too strengh in automotive tools.

Requested of AF an Ammunition Expenditure authority to expend 80,000 rounds of ammunition for this Wing.

Requested the 98th Ord Officers to concentrate his efforts on requisitioning tool shortages. The preventative maintenance in this group is functioning satisfactorily.

It is reported that 100 jeeps will shortly be made available to AF. Will try to secure our share for the 449th and 450th groups.

SURGEON

Capt Rehm reported to the office today. He is on DS with the Wing but sent to 15th AF for disposition.

The 98th and 376th Gps were contacted regarding embulances. By salvaging two ambulances we can obtain two new ones.

Col Casey was hospitalized yesterday.
Col Cogland and Maj Brown are still in the hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Friday
18 August 1944

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CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col MURRAY, Capt BURRIS, and I inspected the 449th Bomb Gp. All Squadrons have made tremendous improvements since the last inspection but the Group Headquarters had made an even greater improvement.

There was an accident at the 449th Bomb Gp yesterday, which might have been avoided, if the Pilot had made a few test landings with wheels and flaps down at high altitude, before coming in for the final landing.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Informed Air Force that we did not want Col GLASSFORD.

Capt BERNSTEIN, Air Force now states that we will receive, in a few days, the replacements for the Very Heavy Cadre. They are awaiting transportation and assignment by MTO. He also states they now are giving us S/Sgt's. and below (they have only changed this twice) which will be as originally planned. 50% of personnel are supposed to be trained.

Air Force called and stated that either the classification committee or the Qualification committee had hurt the 62d Service Group's feelings by not calling at Headquarters before inspecting one of their Units.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

15th Air Force called and said we were getting 10 replacement a/c.

Capt BASON went to Naples.

Capt STALLY inspected 449th (tactical inspection).

GROUP TRAINING:

98th - 2 a/c on Range #3. 8 men on link trainer. 10 men on code practice. 10 on a/c recognition, 30 on armament lecture. 8 on bomb trainer. 20 on ordnance lecture. 10 weather lecture. 30 photo lecture. 50 first aid . 3 a/c transition. 5 navigators on navigational aids. 20 men gunnery lecture. 20 escape lecture. 4 VHF lecture.

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A-3 SECTION (Cont'd.)

449th - 1 a/c on navigational flight. 1 a/c on bomb range #3. 1 a/c on destroyer target.

376th - 10 a/c practiced formation flying.

450th - 12 a/c formation bombing on #3 range. 1 PFF a/c on destroyer target.

Major ELLIOTT inspected 450th Bomb Gp navigation sections.

Request OK from Air Force to modify more nose sections of lead ships. Col SLEMAN says shortage of kits holding up same but he will try to help us.

Requested Sperry mobile training unit from Air Force. Two just arrived on a boat and aren't unloaded yet. 15th Air Force says they will remember our request and give us first chance if possible.

SURGEON

Capt RAHM will report to this headquarters tonight and will proceed to 15th Air Force tomorrow.

Major NUTTALL called and arrangements were made for obtaining large size shoes.

Lt Col COGLAND and Maj BROWN are still in the hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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Thursday
17 August 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col RUSH and I met Maj General TWINING, and Col R. K. TAYLOR at the 449th Bomb Group where we had lunch and met the Group on its return from the mission.

General TWINING: said,

a. That there will be no more night operations for the 47th Wing.

b. We would not move from this area unless something drastic happened.

c. He would like to go with Col ARNOLD on a PFF practice flight over the boat.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

13 crews arrived with a/c assigned as follows:
98th - 4
376th - 3
449th - 1
450th - 5

Air Force asks if we can use a Colonel "GLASSFORD" or "GLASSPORT" (RA) 4 engine pilot. He is arriving ~~by~~ Air Force from MAAF tomorrow.

Lt Col GIDEON requested a Major VAN DECAR, unassigned be assigned to 450th Bomb Gp. Called Air Force for him. He arrived today with a/c and crew as a replacement. Air Force stated we could have him if he was still unassigned.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Lt SJOBERG edited negatives of Radar recce and combat missions, filed and recorded them in A-3 clerks office. Edited and filed radar photo prints and obtained space in A-2 Map Room for the cabinet.

Maj NUGENT INSPECTED 3 Squadrons of 450th Bomb Gp also talked with lead man on todays mission.



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Diary, 17 Aug 44.

A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Group Training:

98th - 2 a/c test flown for mission on Range #3.

11 a/c (replacement) assigned as follows:
2 - 98th
2 - 376th
3 - 449th
4 - 450th

Capt STALEY inspected 450th tactical sections.

Lt Col WARDEN interviewed 12 new first Pilots. All were from 1st and 4th Air Forces. Training in 1st Air Force apparently superior to 4th. All crews seemed well trained but lacked Gunnery, especially those from 4th Air Force.

A-4 SECTION

Col HARRIS, 15th Air Force Engineer informed this Section yesterday that one construction Company with heavy equipment will be transferred to this area immediately. They will stay here until necessary field construction has been completed.

Capt GILLSPI, now on duty with 21st Engineer Regiment Headquarters will replace Capt PEARSON as area Engineer within the next 2 or 3 days. (Another change in our A/D engineers.)

Groups assigned to this Wing have been notified to submit requisitions for flooring tents without delay. 62d Service Center has funds for procuring materials. 165 Square feet per tent.

SURGEON

Arrangements were made for the 98th and 376th Bomb Groups to salvage 2 ambulances. With 2 replacements in these Groups the ambulance situation in the Wing is quite satisfactory.

Capt HALL, Group Surgeon of the 98th Bomb Gp called and requested that 1 of the Squadron Surgeons be removed. Air Force was contacted and an answer will be made tomorrow.

Lt Col COCLAND and Maj BROWN are still in the Hospital.

ORDNANCE

Conducted tests on Special project. Installed for use on next mission.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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16 August 1944

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ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Capt Olman called and informed us to have Lt Col Appold call Col Maxwell, Air Inspector, 15th AF. Capt Olman was informed that Lt Col Appold had been overseas for 27 months and was due to return to the states.

Lt Col Barlow called and stated that we were to transfer 2 inexperienced Radar Navigators to the 8th Air Force and in return get 2 experienced Radar Navigators. Names of 2 Navigators from the 450th were submitted at an earlier date by A-3 Section.

Maj Dimdes, 15th AF called from AF and wanted 2 rated 1st Lt's that were interested in remaining after completing their missions. They are to be in Flying Control Section and can be promoted to Captains.

Received 2 EM from AF. One had several recent court-martials. The other man was also unsatisfactory. Called AF and asked that they take them back immediately. They agreed.

Four crews with a/c arrived. 2 each assigned 98th and 450th. 1 additional crew due in but did not show up.

Received a policy from AF re promotions. All commands above that of the initiating organization may have the executive or chief of staff approve a promotion recommendation for a ground officer. All other promotion recommendations must be signed by all commanders.

A-2 SECTION

Col Manzo's protest about the bomb fall plot of 12 August showing several bombs in the water proved to be justified. The bombs were there, but a plot received from the 455th Gp, which attached the same target ten minutes before the 98th, shows the same pattern of bombs in the water. Informed Col. Manzo a revised plot would be prepared.

A-3 SECTION

4 replacement A/C assigned as follows: 2 - 98th, 2 - 449th.

Maj Nugent inspected 376th bombing sections.

Group training:

98th - 3 PFF a/c on range.
3 a/c on bomb range #4
2 a/c transition - 2 hrs
3 a/c practiced formation - new crews



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A-3 Section Cont'd.

98th - 23 men code check.
4 crews - indoctrination - 5 hrs.
8 officers - link trainer 1 hr each.

449th - 4 a/c on Pianosa bomb range.
3 a/c on destroyer target.
3 a/c formation and bombing.
3 a/c XC navigation and compass swing.
2 a/c on navigation flights.
1 a/c "D" box training.

376th - no training.

450th - 20 a/c transition, instrument, etc.
12 a/c practiced formation flying.

Capt Staley taking over Major Nosker's duties as Tactical Inspector.

Called Air Force on night flying. They say we must continue practice for possible future missions.

ORDNANCE SECTION

The special project will probably be ready for demonstration tomorrow afternoon.

The unexploded bombs at the 98th Group have been cleared up.

SURGEON

Maj Gavin visited the 450th Bomb Gp, discussed malaria control measures and means of obtaining equipment for the control of sand fly fever and malaria.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Sent to Manduria to pick up PX supplies and rations cards. PX supplies will be on sale this morning from 8:00 to 11:30 for Officers.

Called all Groups about the Joe Louis boxing show to be held in Bari on 27 Aug/ 44.

HQ COMMANDANT

Attended Inspection tour of 450th B Gp

Conferred with Mr Pangalos on procurement of supplies. He needs a lot of supplies and materials for the proposed improvements.

CHIEF OF STAFF Cont'd

Inspected the 450th Gp yesterday. There was a marked improvement in the entire Group, especially the 722nd, 723rd and 721st.

Diary, 16 Aug/44 Cont'd.

CHIEF OF STAFF Cont'd.

All of the Squadrons Tech Supplies and Engineering Sections have made great progress, they are all thoroughly organized, trained and equiped. They all report trouble with overhauled prop governers.

We inspect the 449th Group Friday, 18th.

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Tuesday
15 Aug 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Went on the mission with the 450th Bomb Group.

The meeting on the recommended staff and organization revisions will be held Thursday after the News Summary.

ADJUTANT

Lt SIMMONS to Inventory effects of Major MOSKER. If any officers of this Headquarters were indebted to Major MOSKER or have any of his personal property in their possession it should be turned over to Lt SIMMONS.

A-1 SECTION

Capt FORREST reported for duty after being released from Hospital.

Major DUNDAS, combat crew officer, 15th Air Force called and stated that no personnel would be placed on orders to return to Zone of Interior until 1 Sept 1944 as no boats are available. Also stated that we would get 8 crews on the 17th August.

Lt Col CASEY and Major BLOKEL worked on Officers Qualification and will begin with the 450th tomorrow.

a. Capt LAGAN completed classification audit of 1052d M.P. Co and found them in excellent condition.

b. Also has his team at the Hq Sq 47th Wing, 331st Signal Company (Wg) and 331st Service Squadron.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted weekly news meeting, which included talk by Lt KNASNOW, 450th Bomb Group, 1st officer of this Wing to return from temporary duty with 5th Army.

A-3 SECTION

Maj ELLIOTT attended 376th briefing. Lt ROSE went on mission with 449th. Lt Col WARDEN on mission with 450th.

GROUP TRAINING:
98th - conducted code class, link trainer practice.
376th - no training.
449th - bomb and link trainer practice.
450th - no training.



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Diary, 15 Aug 44.

A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

98th Bomb Gp had 3 a/c accidents.

376th Bomb Gp had 1 a/c accident

449th Bomb Gp had 1 a/c accident. Total of 5.

Major MOSKER killed in take-off accident at 376th Bomb Group. Ship exploded.

Capt BASON inspected personal equipment Sections of all Groups.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.

SURGEON

Lt Col COGLAND visited last night and this morning.

Capt FORREST returned to duty from the hospital.
Lt Col COGLAND, Maj BROWN are still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

Made necessary arrangements to clear 449th and 98th Groups of unexploded bombs. The 449th Field is now cleared. The 98th will be cleared tomorrow.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Issued equipment to the 449th Bomb Group.

S/Sgt JOE LOUIS will apear in person in the Bari Stadium on Sunday, 27 August. Also other popular local heavyweights will box. This show will be at 1900 hours.

Called 909th Air Base Security Bn and the 1052d M. P. Co about the monthly Special Service Report.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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14 Aug 44

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CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )
[redacted] ) Routine duties.

A-2 SECTION

Target conference with Wing Commander, A-3 and Group Commanders.

Lt WORKMAN returned from Photo Interpretation course at MAPRW. 1 S-2 Officer from each Group of the Wing also attended.

Unit censors from all organizations assigned or attached to this Wing attended a conference in the War Room at which an Officer from the Office of the Chief Base Censor, APHQ described recent changes in censorship regulations and answered questions raised by the Unit censors.

Major SOUDER, Counter Intelligence Officer, 15th AF, visited.

A-3 SECTION

10 replacement a/c arrived and were assigned as follows:
2 - 98th Bomb Gp
2 - 376th Bomb Gp
5 - 449th Bomb Gp
1 - 450th Bomb Gp.

Capt VON NOY reported for duty from Hospital.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th - 3 a/c on transition.
12 men practiced code.
1 a/c on bomb range.
5 men practiced on link trainer.
1 crew indoctrination lecture.

449th - 1 a/c compass swing.
1 a/c on navigation flight.
1 a/c transition.

376th - 3 PFF a/c on bomb range.

450th - 3 a/c on bomb range. 1 PFF.



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Diary, 14 Aug 44.

SIGNAL

Maj WRIGHT and Capt HARTMAN visited the 376th Bomb Group.

SURGEON

Capt VON NOY returned to duty from the Hospital today.

Lt Col COGLAND, Maj BROWN, Capt FORREST are still in the Hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Issued equipment to the 376th Bomb Group and the 909th AIR BASE SECURITY Bn.

Sent to Manduria to pay for PX supplies and mail some LFM Forms.

Called 15th Air Force in regards to some blanks for the Army Institute Course.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

RADAR

Pathfinder maintenance shops opened in 98th Bomb Group and 449th Bomb Group on August 11 and 12 respectively are nearing completion of shop construction. Personnel were moved on the 11th and 12th of August. All Radar spares have been [redacted] distributed among the 4 shops..

A-4 SECTION

It is quite evident that the CofE Headquarters, FOGGIA was unaware of the poor condition the Airdromes of this Wing are in. The CO of the 21st CofE Regiment promised to take immediate action on moving necessary heavy equipment to this area. There are no additional CofE personnel available but there are funds for Hiring Italian civilians.

Capt PEARSONS was told by the 21st Regiment CO to canvas this area for heavy Italian equipment, and to rent, contract, or requisition same.

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Diary, 14 Aug 1944.

A-1 SECTION

10 crews reported and were assigned as follows:
4 - crews - 98th Bomb Gp
3 - crews - 376th Bomb Gp
3 - crews - 450th Bomb Gp.

This brings the Group Average to 60.2 crews per Group.

Lt Col CASEY and Major BECKEL representing the 15th Air Force reported to Wing Headquarters to take up matters pertaining to Officer Qualification Committee. They will visit the Groups and conduct a certification of all Officers.

Major HANELL, NATOUSA, Major MARTINETTI, 3rd Air Force, representing Washington, D. C., and Major HAGLY, Classification Officer, 15th Air Force reported in for Officer and Enlisted Men classification audit. A meeting was called for all personnel Officers and Executive Officers of Group Executives.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Contacted 98th Bomb Group and made final arrangements for use of their Beach Club for Enlisted Men's Dance on 26 August 1944.

Headquarters Offices will be cleaned in the evening and accumulations of dirt will not be swept into hallways.

A meeting of Non-commissioned Officers in charge of Sections was held and policies of dress, sanitation, and conduct were discussed and outlined.

End..... finally

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

Sunday
13 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Maj BUNDES, Combat crew officer stated that we would get 30 crews in a few days. 11 crews with aircraft due tomorrow.

Air Force requested an aircraft Engineer for 30 days TD on Island of Vis---- Lt M. L. Williams, Jr., 450th Bomb Groups was selected to go.

Air Force keeps calling on 47th Wing for personnel to be placed on Temporary Duty at higher Headquarters.

A-2 SECTION

Prepared material for forthcoming Group commanders' conference.

A-3 SECTION

Major ELLIOTT inspected 450th Navigation sections.

Capt GRIMMER inspected 450th training and PFF.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th - 4 PFF a/c on Range #3. 10 bombs dropped
1 a/c on Range #4.

~~44th~~ - 2 a/c on Naviagtion flights.
449th - 5 a/c PFF on Range #3.

376th - 3 PFF a/c on destroyer target. 10 bombs dropped.

450th - 3 PFF a/c on Range #3.
4 PFF a/c on Range #3.

Major NUGENT had 45 minute discussion with 4 Bombardiers (1 from each Group ). Covered analysis of errors, new bombing techniques, and general bombing problems. Sent teletype to all Groups instructing Bombardiers to be re-checked out on racks and controls, develop definite procedure to release on lead.



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Diary, 13 Aug 44.

A-4 SECTION

12 Aug 44, T. S. Davis, Capt AC, attended a meeting in the Office of the 15th Air Force Engineer, A. E. HARRIS, Lt Col, Corps of Engineers and Lt Col R. W. ST JOHN, were present.

The following information was received. Fields in the vicinity and NORTH of the FOGGIA area are given first priority for field maintenance, construction of new runways, taxistrips, hardstands, and roads to bomb dumps.

Lt Col DORLAND, CO of the 21st Engineering Reg. and Lt Col COURTNEY will arrive in Manduria, 14 Aug 44, approximately 1130 hours for the purpose of conducting an inspection of the 4 Airdromes of this Bomb. Wing, for the purpose of giving said fields a higher priority rating, and reassigning heavy field maintenance equipment as needed.

The 15th Air Force Engineer has submitted a request to the Corps of Engineer Command requesting authority for the Corps of Engineers Adriatic Depot at Bari to release, urgently needed heavy equipment now in stock (at this Depot), to the Corps of Engineer Utility Units servicing this command and assign same permanently.

In the future all hard stands constructed will be 150 feet long and 100 feet wide, with square corners at outer end.

The Corps of Engineers Adriatic Depot has funds for purchasing gravel or contracting rock crushers for Airdromes. In the event no rock crushers are available it was suggested that rock be broken by hand with Italian labor. It is believed that rock broken in this manner is more desirable due to the fact that the size can be controlled. Said Depot will furnish asphalt to complete present runway project at the 98th Bomb Group and will also furnish asphalt for repairs at the other 3 Airdromes, but does not have enough at present to completely surface all runways.

A-3 Section, 15th Air Force has agreed to authorize each Bomb Group of this command permission to retain 1 war weary B-24 type airplane upon written request to that Office. The airplane will be used for School purposes only and no parts will be removed for any otheruse. The 4 Bomb Groups will be notified to submit request without delay.

SURGEON

Col BENSON, Surgeon 15th Air Force and Major GAVIN visited the 98th Bomb Group today.

Capt CAPLAN, MC arrived today to replace Capt CLARK who has been transferred to a Hospital Unit.

Lt Col COGLAND, Maj BROWN, Capt FORREST, and Capt VON NOY are still in the Hospital.

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ORDNANCE

Inspected the 1647th Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Co also checked on the flow of automotive, cleaning and preventive materiel, and gun parts from the Depot.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Visited Hospital to see Capt FORREST and Maj BROWN, [redacted]. Capt FORREST should be out in a couple of days. Maj BROWN has a couple of infected feet and will have to remain in another week.

Received mail, pictures, and a chart of the shots the USO, Show is supposed to take. These were delivered yesterday.

You can purchase almost any kind of magazine at the PX in Benduria.

Returned supples to the Rest Camp that were removed which were issued for the Rest Camp itself. Other equipment was kept by Special Service of the Wing.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

End.....



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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Saturday
12 August 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

Called Colonel R. K. TAYLOR, CofS, 15th Air Force about:

a. Getting "our" Band down for a 5 day period. He okayed it (thru S.S.O., Lt Col POOL) and they will arrive Sept. 8 and remain thru the 12th.
NOTE: A-1 make a schedule to include 1 day at each Group for a Retreat Parade and Dance also 1 day for this Headquarters, 62d Service Group, 1052d MP Co, 331st Signal Co, etc....

b. About Airdrome Engineers. MAAF will make up "our minds" in a few days. I told him regardless of the decision, we had to have work done on 3 of our Airdromes as they were becoming dangerous.

Visited Capt FORREST, he seems to be feeling OK, but doesn't know when they will release him.

ADJUTANT

There are 3 bicycles in the lobby of the Officers Quarters that may be used any time you wish. Please return them when you have finished riding.

A-1 SECTION

1 crew reported in and was assigned to 376th Bomb Group.

Lt Col E. R. CASEY, representing the 15th Air Force will report to this Headquarters, 14 August 1944 as Officer Qualification Committee. These Officers have been given an intensive course of instructions on Officers Qualification and will assist Unit Commanders in preparing necessary Forms to initiate any separation, demotion or reclassification proceedings indicated.

Awards were presented to the 98th Bomb Group by Colonel HUSH. Lt Col MANZO was presented the D. F. C. Awards of 2 Silver Stars and 7 D. F. C.'s were presented to members of the Group.

A-2 SECTION

6 Flying Officers have been recommended by Groups of this Wing for Intelligence Training, looking toward a future Regular Army commission. These Officers are to be at 15th Air Force Headquarters on 16 August 44. for interview. The 6 are:

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| Maj LEROY H. BENZEL, | 98th Bomb Gp |
| Capt DONALD A. ROBINSON, | 376th Bomb Gp |
| Maj ARTHUR B. SWAN, | 449th Bomb Gp |
| Maj JACK SILVERSTEIN, | 449th Bomb Gp |
| Capt BOLT, | 449th Bomb Gp |
| Maj HOWARD A. DAVIS, | 450th Bomb Gp. |



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Diary, 12 Aug 44.

A-3 SECTION

1 replacement a/c assigned to 450th Bomb Group.

Maj MUGLNT inspected 98th Bomb Group bombing section.

Maj NOSKER went on mission with 450th Bomb Group.

Capt GRIMMER to Rome.

Capt STALEY check-riding crews at 376th and 449th Bomb Groups.

Lt SJOBERG to Bari.

Group Training:

98th - 2 PFF a/c on Range.
1 a/c airspeed calibrated and compass swung.

376th - 1 PFF a/c on Destroyer target.
1 a/c on Range #4.

449th - 1 a/c on Range #3
2 crews checked out.
3 a/c on Navigation flights.

450th - 1 PFF on Range #3.

Lt ROSE, inspected 98th and 376th Navigation sections.

Teletype and Operations Memorandum out to all Groups restricting number of passengers on non-operational flights to 16.

Gunnery Range opened today (Aug 12th '44) for firing. All personnel have been cleared and the only further clearance needed is that of 15th Air Force. Probably they will take over Range when they clear us, hence this is best plan - to go ahead and fire..

SIGNAL

Major WRIGHT, Capt TERRY and Capt HARTMAN visited the 98th Bomb Gp.

Work is being carried on to complete the Radar Shop at the 98th Bomb Gp.

SURGEON

Lt Col HARTWIG was returned to dy from the Hospital yesterday.

Lt Col COGLAND, Maj BROWN, Capt VON HOY and Capt FORREST are still in the Hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties. End.....



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Friday
11 August 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Received 6 crews from GIOIA and were assigned as follows:

5 crews 376th Bomb Group
1 crew 98th Bomb Group.

Received a call from 15th Air Force stating that out of 124 Officers ordered to the States on the RPO Project 39 were returned and more were expected to return. The Air Force called on us for additional names if possible, and asked that we have the 66-1's to Air Force by Sunday so they could process the Officers and take the Forms in person to AAF/MTO.

Promotions on Officers can now be forwarded to Air Force as new Forms have been received along with MATOUSA Circular #94 which governs the new regulations on Promotion.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS to Air Force Headquarters with Col MUSH and Col WARDEN for a special conference.

Lt CAWSE-MORGOn telephoned 450th Bomb Gp checking on escape briefings and recent requests for credit for loss of escape purses.

A-3 Section

6 replacement a/c arrived and were assigned as follows:
3 - 376th Bomb Group
1 - 450th Bomb Group
1 - 449th Bomb Group
1 - 98th Bomb Group.

Major NUGENT inspected 98th Bomb Group bombing section.

Lt ROSE inspected 98th Bomb Group Navigation sections.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th - 2 PFF a/c on bombing range #3.
8 a/c on range #4
6 a/c on Range #3.
14 a/c on Gunnery range
4 a/c on calibration of airspeed.

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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

376th - 5 PFF a/c on range #4
3 a/c practiced formation
2 lead a/c checked.

449th - 4 PFF a/c on destroyer target
4 - 4 ship practiced formation
12 a/c on range #3

450th - 3 a/c on range #3
4 PFF a/c on range #3.

Major MOSKER attended briefing and inspection at 450th Bomb Gp.

449th Bomb Group had a/c accident. Ship peeled off to land and spun in. 4 killed- 1 injured....

Lt Col WARDEN attended conference at 15th Air Force.

A-4 SECTION ) Routine duties.
SURGEON

Major GAVIN attended a meeting of Group Executive Officers and S-4 Officers at 62d Service Center. A program for handling the manufacture of Ice Cream was worked out which it is believed will be acceptable to all concerned.

The Groups with the aid of the Service Group will get all plants in Operation and will install the necessary sanitary requirements. Each Group will have an individual on duty at these plants at all times. A sanitary inspection will be made each day by the Squadron Surgeon of the unit using the plant.

A plant is being requisitioned in Oria for the use of Wing Headquarters and the 331st Signal Co. This should allow each unit to have ice cream at least twice a week.

Capt PAGANO is back to duty today. Lt Col COGLAND, Lt Col HARTWIG, Major BROWN, Capt VON NOY and Capt FOREST are still in the hospital.

SIGNAL

Capt TERRY made a survey of open wire circuits between 47th Wing and Brindisi Test Station. The construction appeared to be in good repair and the Test station was well managed. Men on duty report splendid cooperation between all test points radiating from Brindisi test.

The 450th Signal Construction Bn detachment under command of Lt WINESTEIN and located at Torre S. Susanna has to date done a splendid job in maintaining wire circuits for this Headquarters.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties. End.....



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APO 520 US ARMY

Thursday
10 August 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

ADJUTANT

Maj MAC QUESTION and Lt KING came down from Air Force and have gone down to each of our Groups to pass on some information and instructions regards to soldiers voting.

A-1 SECTION

Routine duties.

a-2 SECTION

Lt KRASNOW, 720th Sq, 450th Bomb Gp, returned this date from a weeks temporary duty with the 5th ARMY. He will report on his experience at the regular weekly meeting, Tuesday, 15th August.

Capt TARRANT, 449th Gp, and Capt DYER, 376th Gp, sent to 15th Air Force for 3 days temporary duty as escape intelligence officers.

A-3 SECTION

Maj ELLIOTT and Maj NUGENT inspected Navigation and Bombing Sections of 449th Bomb Group.

Lt ROSE and Sgt VON TWISTERN are setting up a Pilot's Information Board.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th - 2 a/c on range #4 at 15,000, lead ship.
2 a/c transition, 2 hrs.
7 men practiced on link trainer.
15 men practiced code.
5 new crews, engineering, 2 hrs, armament, 1 hr.
3 new crews, armament, cleaning guns, 2 hrs.

376th - 2 PFF a/c on destroyer, 10 bombs dropped from 22,000.
2 PFF a/c on range #3, 15,000.

449th - 4 PFF a/c on destroyer, 22,000.
4 a/c on Navigation flights.
4 a/c on range #3, 15,000.
12 a/c practiced formation flying.

450th - 5 PFF on destroyer, 10 bombs dropped from 22,000.
4 a/c on range #3, 15,000.
2 a/c on navigation flights.

376th Bomb Gp had taxiing accident. Ship taxiied into bulldozer. Right wing twisted and ripped. No injuries to crew.



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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Maj MOSKEN inspected 450th Bomb Gp (Tactical)

376th Bomb Gp damaged 3 ships on landing - one had nose wheel collapse and 2 blew tires.

Navy complained of a B-24 buzz job over Taranto - 376th pilot located as buzzer. Ship flew over ships in harbor "at 30 feet" says Admiral. 376th Bomb Gp will discipline officer.

A-4 SECTION

Arrangement s have been made for an Ice Plant in Ostuni to furnish this headquarters 25 blocks of Ice per day FREE of charge. In return said plant will be given 200 pounds of ammonia, which will last from 2 to 3 months. When ammonia is delivered a contract will be signed.

98th Bomb Gp will inform this office soon as possible as to the availability of gravel in that area, and whether or not the Italian Govt. will furnish same for runway, taxi strips and hard stands.

This office was informed by Captain PERSON that the Corps of Engineers had funds for purchasing gravel. The 4 Groups field maintenance officers of this Wing were notified about funds and asked to investigate the rock crushers in their area and report findings to this office as soon as possible, in order that contracts may be negotiated without delay.

The following is a list of Corps of Engineer, Commissioned Officers, Enlisted Men, Italian Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men, and equipment assigned to this Wing:

98th BOMB GROUP

2 Commissioned Officers
59 Enlisted Men
2 Road patrol blades
1 D-7 Bulldozer
1 165 Gallon asphalt kettle.

376th BOMB GROUP

1 Commissioned Officer
2 Italian Commissioned Officers of 1st Bn, 407th Labor Reg. Brindisi.
48 Enlisted Men, 12 of which are fire fighters - 10 DS at Brindisi.
88 Enlisted Men, of which 25 are at Manduria - 18 overhead.
18 - 2½ ton dump trucks - 6 at Brindisi - 4 at Manduria.
5 - 2½ ton cargo trucks - 2 at Brindisi.
1 - D-7 Bulldozer.
1 - Aircraft Bulldozer.
2 - Italian Graders
1 - French roller....12½ ton water filled, is not power driven.
1 - Air compressor.

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A-4 SECTION (Contd.)

450th BOMB GROUP

2 - Commissioned Officers
57 - Enlisted Men - 12 DS to 449th Bomb Gp.
50 - Italian Enlisted Men - 25 are at 449th Bomb Gp.
1 - Road patrol blade.
1 - D-7 Bulldozer.
3 - 2½ ton dump trucks, 1 cubic yard capacity.
3 - 2½ ton cargo trucks.

Groups of this Wing have been notified that 200 kits to modify Navigators-Bombardiers compartments are in stock at Depot #5 Bari.

SURGEON

Lt Col COGLAND, Lt Col HARTWIG, Maj BROWN, Capt VON NOY, Capt FORREST, [redacted] ( Capt PAGANO released today ), ARE STILL IN THE HOSPITAL.

ORDNANCE

Pursuant to request of Air Force interviewed and recommended Lt LEWIS, Squadron Ordnance Officer, 722d Sq, 450th Bomb Gp for training as Bomb Damage Assessment Officer in the Technical Division of the Ordnance Department at Air Force.

Discussed with Col KYLE the recommendation of Lt MC NULTY, Sq Ordnance Officer, 719th Sq, 449th Bomb Gp for the Award of Legion of Merit for the mo dification of a Bomb Service Truck which was favorably received in this Theater and recommended to War Department.

Conference with Capt RANDALL, Air Force, on special project to be used with PFF bombing. Developments expected to materialize within the next 6 days.

Received an Ammunition Expenditure authority for 6,000 M38A2, practice bombs to be expended by this Wing for training. The arrival of 5,000 practice bombs is expected shortly...

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

End....



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APO 520 US ARMY

Wednesday
9 August 1944

D A I L Y DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Talked to Lt Col PEARSON about the: (Col BENSON is in Hospital).

a. Combat whiskey situation. He said that there was little or nothing that could be done to change the present War Department policy.

b. Message from General EISENHOWER which prohibits Geneva protected personnel from participating in any form of combat.

Lt Col ST. JOHN, 15th Air Force Engineer Section, (Airdrome construction) came down. He, Capt DAVIS, and I inspected the Airdromes at Lecce, Manduria, and San Pancrazio. He agrees with everyone else who has seen them, that something has got to be done quick.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

1st Lt SJOBERG, assigned and joined Wing Headquarters for duty in A-3 Section. (Mickey Navigator).

Enlisted personnel of Very Heavy Bomb Group Cadres, approximately 220, were alerted for shipment to U. S. They are to leave Groups no later than 13 August 1944. Replacements to arrive on same boat as Cadre is to leave on.

Capt FORREST is still in the 35th Field Hospital.

A-2 SECTION

Crew members who land in YUGOSLAVIA and return to duty within 6 weeks are considered elegible for continued operational flying. This ruling from 15th Air Force obtained bytelephone from Major DUNDAS, Asst A-1 and Maj RICHARDSON, Asst A-2 after the 449th raised a question as to status of 1 crew.

Called for report of survey on money missing from 18 Escape Purses at 449th Bomb Group.

Escape Intelligence Officer, 15th Air Force, requested 2 interrogating Officers for 3 days temporary duty in handling large number of returned personnel. Arranged to send 1 from 376th Bomb Gp and 1 from 449th Bomb Gp.



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DIARY, 9 Aug 44.

A-3 SECTION

Capt BASON to ROME.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th - 23 men attended code class.
20 men attended ASR class.
6 a/c on Gunnery Range.
4 men on Norden trainer. 3 men on Sperry.
1 a/c - ~~ele~~ calibrate airspeed.
6 men on Link trainer.

376th - 1 PFF a/c on Destroyer - 10 bombs dropped.
1 a/c on Range #4.
8 men on bomb trainer.
8 men on link trainer.

449th - 3 PFF a/c on destroyer - 10 bombs dropped.

450th - 4 a/c on Range #3.
2 PFF a/c on destroyer.
2 lead ships on #3 Range.
8 men on Link trainer.
8 men on bomb trainer.
4 new crews indoctrinated.

Capt STAILY went on check ride with 2 crews of 449th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION

The following listed Groups have the indicated number of aircraft complete with Bombardier-Navigator modifications.

449th Bomb Gp - 10
450th Bomb Gp - 7
376th Bomb Gp - 6
98th Bomb Gp - 6

Repairs on Runway at 449th Bomb Gp were started August 7, 1944.

Service Command has authorized, 1 each, surveyed B-24 aircraft fuselage for school purposes.

There are 200 blister kits available at Depot #5. Groups have been notified.

Ammonia can be drawn for Ice Plant using the Ice Cream Plants as ~~be~~ a basis.



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SURGEON

Mr. NEEDHAM of the #5 Base Transfusion Unit located in Bari visited and wishes to obtain blood from the Groups for the Ground Forces. Major THORPE and Capt HALL were contacted and it is thought that a large number of men are willing to donate blood for the forces at the front. The unit will not be able to do transfusions here for a weeks yet.

Major GAVIN inspected the Whiskey issue at the 450th Bomb Group today.

Col COGLAND, Lt Col HARTWIG, Major BROWN, Capt FORREST, Capt PAGANO, Capt VON NOY..... are still in the Hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

JACK HALEY, USO Camp Show

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| Jack Haley..... | M. C. Comedian |
| Mary Brian..... | Movie Star and Works with Haley in Skits. |
| Judie Manners..... | Singer - Popular Music |
| Frances Joye..... | Accordiness |
| Betty Yeaton..... | Dancer. |

SCHEDULE

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| Navy | Thursday 10 August 1944 | 3:00 | | P.M. |
| 450th Bomb Gp | Thursday 10 August 1944 | 8:30 | | P. M. |
| 98th Bomb Gp | Friday 11 August 1944 | | 7:00 | P.M. |
| 376th Bomb Gp | Saturday 12 August 1944 | 3:00 | 7:00 | PM. |
| 449th Bomb Gp | Sunday 13 August 1944 | 3:00 | 7:00 | P.M. |
| 60th Troop Carrier | Monday 14 August 1944 | | 7:00 | P.M. |
| 62d Service Gp | Tuesday 15 August 1944 | 7:30 | | P.M. |

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Tuesday
8 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

The 62d Service Group will handle all of the Ice Cream plants in the Wing. The Groups and other Units will furnish personnel to the 62d Serv Gp to supervise each plant.

A new "DEFENSE DAY" directive has been issued.

A new directive is being written to the 1052d Military Police Co (Avn).

ADJUTANT

Received information from the US NAVY that today 8 Aug 44 would be the last day that our personnel could visit their Ships. All units notified.

A-1 SECTION

Received quota of 35 Officers and 35 Enlisted Men for Rest Camp, Santa Cesarea effective 12 Aug 44.

Major BARLOW and Major BENZEL, 98th Bomb Gp have been selected for TD 15th Air Force for 3 weeks duration as members of Officers qualification committee.

4 crews reported for assignment and assigned them to 450th Bomb Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to all Group Counter Intelligence Officers citing several shortcomings in their present mode of Operations and outlining a system of procedure.

Presented weekly news and operational summary.

"For compliance" Indorsement to all Groups on 15th Air Force letter citing the necessity for calling a halt on current speculation in all Units as to future Operations and activities of this Air Force.

A-3 SECTION

Lt ROSE back from ROME. Lt col APPOLD to leave for the 5th ARMY, 9th August 1944.

Teletype out to all Groups directing that plan be drawn up for over-the-overcast assembly or assembly at remote point when bad weather hits. Group to practice using radio aids at regular rendezvous.

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DIARY, 8 Aug 44.

A-3 SECTION

Requested report from all Groups analyzing results of off-set Bombing.

4 replacement aircraft assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

Capt BASON to ROME.

GROUP TRAINING:

98th - 12 a/c on Range #4
4 a/c PFF on destroyer.
12 a/c practiced formation.

376th - No training.

449th - 4 PFF a/c on Destroyer.
10 a/c on Range #3.
10 a/c practiced formation.
12 a/c Navigation and transition.
1 a/c high altitude check.

450th - 15 a/c practiced formation and bombing on Range #3 in A.M.
2 PFF a/c bombing mission on Destroyer A.M.
15 a/c practiced formation and bombing on Range #3 in P.M.
2 PFF a/c bombing mission on Destroyer P.M.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN inspected 98th, 376th, 449th Groups today. Mess halls, kitchens, combat crew whiskey, barber shops.

Capt VON HOY and Capt FORREST were hospitalized yesterday.
Col COGLAND, Col HARTWIG, Maj BROWN and Capt PAGANO are still in the hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Monday
7 Aug 44

DAILY DIARY

A-1 SECTION

Classification teams will arrive at 47th Wing Headquarters and Audit personnel records and make a survey of jobs that can be filled by Enlisted limited service personnel.

The classification audit of organizations will consist of the 98th, 376th, 449th, 450th Bomb Groups, 1052d M. P. Co , 909th A.S.S. Sn, Hq Sq 47th Wing, and 62d Service Center.

15th Air Force commitments of B-24 crews are as follows:

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|---|---|
| 100 B-24 crews departed U. S. | 31 July |
| 447 B-24 crews departed U. S. | August |
| 54 B-24 crews departed U. S. | September. |

The average combat crews per Group is 58.3.

Capt FORREST is now a patient at the 35th Field Hospital.

Cash sales of Bonds 7 August 1944 amounted to $1800.00.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to all Groups outlining the information which will be required in the event any formation of this Wing is the object of a concentrated fighter attack such as Groups in other Wings have experienced recently. The information requested will enable a reconstruction of the situation which existed at the time of the attack.

A flak map showing flak gun locations confirmed by Photo reconnaissance and all points from which flak was observed visually during July distributed to all Groups and Squadrons. It is intended this map will serve as a reference by which Groups and Squadrons can check the up-to-dateness of their own large scale flak maps.

A-3 SECTION

Maj HUGLNT visited 450th and talked to lead and Group bombardiers, endeavored to find cause of poor bombing today. Offered suggestions and means of eliminating some of their errors. Checked releasing through liaison set. Inspected bomb trainer. Norden tech. representatives and I designed sight guard to prevent nose turret operator from sitting on it. Talked to armament about training set up on racks and controls.



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Diary, 7 Aug 44.

A-2 SECTION (Contd.)

Group Training:

98th - 1 a/c on Radar Bombing, 10 bombs dropped at 22,000 ft.
2 a/c on Range #4 at 15,000.
16 men attended code class.
3 men on Norden trainer.
6 men on Link trainer.
2 crews attended ASK class.

376th - No training.

449th - 2 PFF a/c on destroyer, dropped 10 bombs each at 22,000 ft and 21,000.

450th - No training.

Maj MOSHER went on mission with 449th. Also inspected 449th.

Lt Col APPOLD - Extensive conference with Capt HARTMAN concerning inspection of PFF maintenance Units in other Wings. Plans were laid to establish 2 new Pathfinder maintenance shops, 1 each in 98th and 449th Groups.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Visited "Doc" COGLAND and Capt PAGANO.

Capt TEMMY attended a Wing Signal Officer Meeting at 15th Air Force Headquarters. The following points were discussed.

a. Plan for "Winterizing" wire communication in all Organizations. 15th AFSC will try to obtain sufficient quantities of 4 and 5 pair cable to replace field wire on airfields.

b. 15th Air Force quota of field grade officers for Staff and Command School is about an average of 3 per class. How often classes will be held is not known.

c. Arrival of a liberal supply of Radar Equipment is anticipated in the near future. This will alleviate the shortages and equipment problems the Radar Sections are now encountering.

d. Our people and also the British who operate Radar installations on Corsica have been raising hell because 15th AF Bombers jam their equipment with Chaff. Apparently our boys are dispensing an occasional small quantity of CHAFF over Corsica on return from missions, not with the intention of Jamming but to get rid of what they did not dispense over the enemy target. A-3 should bring this to the attention of Group S-3.

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SIGNAL (Contd.)

Further discussion was on Administrative problems and Awards and Decorations for Communication personnel.

SURGEON

Maj GAVIN inspected the Ice Cream plants at Oria and Francavilla today. All 4 of them were found to be in poor sanitary condition. The following discrepancies were noted. None of the plants had screening. It was apparent that there was little spraying being done. None of the food handlers had been examined regularly. There was insufficient hot water for proper washing and sterilization. There was no military personnel present to supervise the making the Ice Cream. The cleanliness of the plants in general could be better. The plant used by the Officers Mess in Oria has an extra machine but lacks a compressor. If a compressor could be obtained this could be used. In Francavilla the Cafe Vittoria has a compressor which lacks gas to reach the low temperature necessary for freezing. It is suggested that more gas be obtained for this plant. It is further suggested that the above conditions be remedied if use of the plants is continued.

Maj GAVIN inspected the 450th Bomb Group for mess kit and general mess sanitation. He also checked the Barber Shops.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

End....



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 U.S ARMY

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Sunday
6 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

~~a-3 Section cover Nite-Flying and Ground Training in your diary.~~

ADJUTANT

1st allotment of whiskey received and distributed. This is to be a monthly issue. The first 2 shipments will be sold at the rate of $3.00 per bottle. Than beginning with the 3rd shipment the price will be reduced to $1.50 per bottle where it will remain. The purpose of the excessive cost for the first 2 shipments is to build up a working capital, so that it will not be necessary to call on the units for a large sum of money at a moments notice.

a-1 SECTION

Routine duties.

a-2 SECTION

Letter to all Units, 47th Wing, calling meeting of Unit censorship officers for 1400 hours, 14 August, in War Room, this Headquarters. An officer from Chief Base Censor Office, AFHQ, will be present to explain new censorship regulations. Censors from 62d Service Group also invited.

Capt WHITE to 449th to check on status of escape purse accounts.

A-3 SECTION

Group Training:

Group Training:

98th - 3 PFF a/c on Range, dropped 10 bombs.
1 a/c on Range #4, dropped 10 bombs.
1 a/c on Navigation flight, 4 hours.

376th - No training.

449th - 1 PFF a/c on Navigation flight, 2½ hrs.
1 PFF a/c on Navigation flight, 4 hours.
1 PFF a/c on Target ship.

450th - No Training.

Capt SMALLEY visited 449th Bomb Group but no ships were available for checking crews.

Wire sent to 306th Wing via AF expressing appreciation for P-51's around Wing rendezvous formation as aid to aircraft recognition. Asked for more.



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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

98th Bomb Group had crash 20 minutes after morning mission take-off. 1 killed, several injured.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.
SURGEON

Air Force was contacted in regards a replacement for Captain CLARK, Squadron Surgeon in the 449th Bomb Group who has been transferred to a Hospital.

Medical Supply was contacted on the availability of Cholera vaccine. Air Force has directed that Cholera will be given every 6 months to Units under its command.

Col COGLAND, Col HARTWIG, Maj BROWN, and Capt PAGANO are in the Hospital. Col MURRAY was not hospitalized as reported in yesterdays report.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

End....



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APO 520

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Saturday
5 August 1944

DAILY DIARY

A-2 SECTION

Lt Stevenson attending Public Relations Conference at 15th AF.

15th AF advises that some delay will be experienced getting replacements for officers returning to the States for contract renegotiation. This Wing is losing seven officers, and while several replacements are desired, operations should not suffer pending their arrival. It is understood the Air Force is getting 50 new intelligence officers shortly.

A-3 SECTION

Group training:

98th - 3 PFF a/c on destroyer, airspeed and compass swing.
7 a/c on range #4
1 a/c on navigation flight.

376th - 3 PFF a/c on destroyer.

449th - Flight check 2 lead ships.
1 a/c on compass swing.
7 a/c practiced formation flying.
7 a/c on range #3
3 PFF a/c on destroyer.
3 a/c on navigational flights.
3 a/c high altitude formation.

450th - 4 PFF a/c on destroyer - 10 bombs dropped.
12 a/c on transition and gunnery.
2 a/c on navigational flights.
12 a/c on range #3

Capt Grimmer inspected 376th training and PFF section.

Major Nugent discussed with technical bombsight representative from 15th AF plans for bomb sight guard also developments on off-set bombing.

Gunnery range is now finished. Regulations and procedures being drawn up alson with map of range showing targets, flight line and boundaries.

SIGNAL

Two Radio maintenance men of the 1078th Sig Co were dispatched to make repairs on the Crackling Tower located at the 47th Wing Gunnery Range.

Two men of the 376th Bomb Gp are placed on DS for 4 days to Sardinia. Orders issued by 15th AF. A-1 of this Headquarters notified.

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SIGNAL CONT'D

Men will dismantle 5 kilowatt transmitter which will be brought to 47th Wing. 15th AF Sig Section will notify this office on its proposed use.

SURGEON

Major Gavin to Nutmeg today.

Col Murray and Capt Pangano went to the 26th Gen Hospital.
Major Brown went to the 35th Field Hospital.
Col Cogland and Col Hartwig are still in the hospital.

WEATHER

Major Moseley and Captain Hall visited 449th Bomb Gp on 4 Aug to inspect the weather station and see if the weather service was satisfactory to the Gp or if there were any problems to discuss.

The weather station was in very good condition and the weather service being supplied was of a superior quality. New ideas were discussed and encouraged.

The Gp CO and other personnel were well pleased with their weather service. The staff weather officer, Captain Chrysler, is performing his duties in a superior manner and has made innumerable improvements while with the Gp.

A-1 SECTION

The following officers of the 47th Wing have been ordered to the States as contract negotiation officers, legal officers, etc.

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|---|---|
| Major Lindley | 47th Wing |
| Major Norton Jr | 376th B Gp |
| Captain Weber | 450th B Gp |
| Captain White | 47th Wing |
| Captain Bowman | 450th B Gp |
| Captain Bowers | 909th ABS Bn |
| 1st Lt Hessen | 450th B Gp |
| Major Mc Kamy | 450th B Gp |

Lt Col Cassell will attend classification meeting at 15th AF on 6 Aug. Classification Officers from Washington D. C., MATOUSA & MTO will be present.



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CHIEF OF STAFF

I visited the Med Engineer Command at Naples; talked with Col Colonna, CO, and Major Williams (Ass't to our District Engineers Col Hoeffer). I explained to both officers the dangerious condition of Manduris, Grottaglie and San Pan. Col Colonna said that Col Hoeffer was having a conference with Gen Twining there Aug 5th and it would be decided whether or not the Air Force Fighters would move north of their present A/D's, so we should know pretty quick and Col Colonna said that if the move was not made, they would move some heavy equipment into our area immediately and put our A/D's in shape.

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APO 520 US ARMY

Friday
4 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

I spent Thursday night at the 15th Air Force and talked with the following Officers:

a. Maj General TWINING about:

1. The Wing citation... He liked the idea and the citation very much.

2. Airdrome Engineers. I told him that even in dry weather 3 of our Airdromes were becoming unserviceable. He said that the whole Air Force was in the same boat.

3. The unnecessary loss of the "Flaming McGOON". I showed him the Navigation strip.

He was very enthusiastic about our Bombing and Training. "He is depending on the 47th Wing to make Army Air Force history in PFF bombing"... We can and will do it.

4. At the Wing and Group CO's meeting he stressed:

(a) Combat crews will be sent home only on permanent rotation.

(b) Only potential Squadron and Group Commanding Officer's will be sent to the States on DS.

(c) Highly emphasized PFF training.

(d) The danger of loose formations to and from the target.

(e) A close check on aircraft that deliberately go into Switzerland and Russia without a very very good reason.

(f) Any Officer in the States who writes a letter expressing a desire to come over, is to be forwarded to the Air Force and A-1 Section will Cable for him; extract part of the letter, to be sent up by our A-1.

(g) Visit our personnel in the Hospital.

(h) Group A-2 should give new summaries covering all fronts to combat crews 2/3 times a week.



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CHIEF OF STAFF (Contd.)

b. A-1 Section, Col WARNER:

1. Radar Navigators - We will get an equal share.

2. Legion of Merits have gone to NATOUSA.

3. Col GORMLY will be assigned to Eastern Base Command.

4. Col GRAY will be assigned to MAAF soon.

5. We will get some A-2 Officers soon, but they may be Lieutenants or Captains.

6. He also reviewed and commented on the Wing citation, we need to:

a. Get a later picture of the 376th Bombing (Incendiaries).

b. Photo Reconnaissance picture and damage assessment.

c. Build up the damaged aircraft in our losses.

c. Chief of Staff, Col TAYLOR:

1. Runways, Hard stands, and taxiways.

2. Personnel.

d. Air Inspector, Col MAXWELL:

1. The forth coming meeting August ?

ADJUTANT

Capt HENZL, Mr. FITZGERALD, British Branch of Radiation Labs (Radar) completed survey of Wing Radar Installations.

Lt SIMMONS departed for Bari to appear before 15th Air Force, Flying Evaluation Board.

First shipment of Whiskey arrived in Naples. Trucks have been dispatched to pick it up. It is anticipated that the quota will be approximately 1½ quarts per man at a cost of approximately $3.00 per quart.

A-1 SECTION

Capt D'ACOSTA, Awards and Decorations Officer, 15th Air Force held meeting of all Awards and Decorations Officers and Enlisted Men of the 47th Bomb. Wing. It is believed that a lot of good was derived from the meeting, although "policy" was not discussed. Topics of discussion was on Legion of Merits, Bronze Star awards, and questions and answers on all other awards.

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A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

Promotion of Officers still held up.

Requested replacements for all Contract-Negotiators, except 2.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS conferred with A-2 at Air Force.

Lt Col THOMAS, Lt GILLAN, and Lt ENGEL discussed target material and flak procedure at Air Force.

Major LINDLEY and Capt WHITE, arranged to supply A-1 with additional material for Unit citation.

A-3 SECTION

98th Bomb Gp ferry crew picked up B-24 #076. A-4 notified to cut transfer orders.

Capt STALEY and Major MOSKER inspected 449th Bomb Gp.

Group Training:

98th Bomb Gp - 4 PFF a/c on Destroyer, 15,000 - 10 bombs.
9 a/c on Bombing Range - 10 bombs each.
6 a/c practiced formation flying.

376th Bomb Gp - 3 a/c PFF on Destroyer target. (synchronous) 10 bombs dropped by each ship.
8 a/c on Range #4 - 5 bombs dropped by each ship.
4 a/c calibrate airspeed.
4 a/c practiced with GEE (3 Navigators on each ship). Check out of all Navigators of one Squadron.
3 a/c on Transition hops.
3 a/c flew Co-Pilot check outs.

449th Bomb Gp - 4 a/c on Bomb Range #3.
21 a/c practiced formation flying.
3 a/c on PFF Bombing.
2 a/c calibrated instruments and swing compass.

450th Bomb Gp - 6 a/c practiced formation flying.
3 a/c on Transition hops.
1 a/c on Photo flight
2 a/c practiced Navigation.
8 a/c on Range #3 and Gunnery.
4 a/c PFF synchronous Bombing on Destroyer.
2 a/c on GEE flights.

Maj ELLIOTT had discussion of Navigation log ratings with 98th, 449th, and 450th Bomb Groups.

Critical practice Bomb situation arose in Wing. Called Air Force A-3 for help. Capt PERRY at AF arranged for immediate shipment today of adequate bombs until shipment arrives.



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KODAK SAFETY FILM



Diary, 4 Aug 44.

A-4 SECTION

On 3 Aug 1944 Airdromes assigned to 449th and 450th Bomb Groups were inspected. A written report was given to Col KYLE covering condition of runways, taxiways, hard stands, roads to and in Bomb dumps.

CO, 449th Bomb Gp informed this Office 0900 hours 5 Aug 44 that new runway had become unserviceable as of today....

SIGNAL

Mr FITZGERALD and Capt HENZL of 15th Air Force Communications Section made an Inspection of Radar Shops within this Wing. Signal Officer requested a report from Mr. Fitzgerald on the Inspection.

Capt HARTMAN returned from his visit to Radar Shops in the Foggia area.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN visited the 98th Bomb Group today.

Col COGLAND and Col HARTWIG are still in the Hospital.

HQ. COMMANDANT

~~Capt OELRICH and Lt BRYAN went to Santa Cesarea. They brought our Enlisted Medical man back. Mr. PANGALOS refused to release our Weapons Carrier claiming the need it for several days yet. He is sending the Jeep up on the 5 Aug.~~

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

THESE VEHICLES ARE TO BE RETAINED BY MR. PANGALOS FOR USE AT THE LECCE HOTEL FOR THE TIME BEING.

End..



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Thursday
3 August 1944

DAILY DIARY

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Received TWX from 15th Air Force stating that pending a new T/O the following grades will be ear marked for Pathfinder Operating Personnel. Four Lt's. per squadron., one Captain per Group Headquarters, and one Captain per Wing Headquarters.

Major Dundes called and wanted shortages on figures of Combat Crews based on 70 Crews per Group. Combat Crews, 70 per Group for the Wing are as follows:

Pilots -- 4
Co Pilots -- 5
Nav. -- 49
Bomb. -- 18
Gun. -- 51

Major Dundes stated that we were still understrength and may transfer certain CC personnel into build us up. Crews were enroute and should be here before too long.

Very Heavy Cadre (Bomb) submitted to Air Force. This list consisted of 227 EM who will leave on or about 5 August. (This should aid in the promotions of EM, as replacements will not be furnished above the grade of S/Sgt. Also rotation of EM should be aided slightly as the older men were given preferenee).

A-2 SECTION

Advised all groups relative to certain escape conditions along the French/Spanish border.

Requested A-1 to obtain replacements for at least part of the seven or eight intelligence officers being withdrawn from units of this Wing within the next two weeks for contract renegotination assignments.

A-3 SECTION

Group Training:

98th - 6 a/c on range #4.
1 a/c on destroyer range.
12 men practiced code.
4 a/c on transition.

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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

376th - 1 a/c on destroyer target (synchronous) 10 bombs dropped.
1 a/c on range #4, 5 bombs dropped.

449th - 3 a/c on Mickey Flights.
4 a/c on navigation flights.
1 a/c on range #3.
1 a/c on XC to Pomigliano.

450th - 2 a/c in Rome (transition).
1 a/c took mosaic of field and destroyer.
1 a/c to Stoncara.

Capt. Stanley went to 98th and flew with two crews.

Major Nugent visited 98th and discussed bombing techniques and training program with squadron bombardiers. Inspected bomb trainer. Attended interrogation with 450th. Discussed results of mission with lead bombardiers. Phone conversation with Air Force Norden bombsight representative about bombsight guard and offset and individual bombing methods.

Air Force Administrative inspector went through A-3. Verbally indicated everything OK.

Green Hq. B-24 transferred to 449th - this group had no non-operational ship.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Major Gavin, Major Hirsch of NATOUSA, Major Brother, Captain Hollister and Capt. Goldsmith of Fifteenth Air Force visited the 98th Bomb Group this afternoon, and investigated the sand fly fever situation.

Col. Cogland and Col Hartwig are still in the hospital.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col KYLE went to Air Force today.

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

Major Frasir inspected the Squadron. Seemed favorable impressed with records and conditions except for Motor Pool which is admittedly not up to desired standards.

End...



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Wednesday
2 August 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

ADJUTANT

Major FRAZILR, Administrative Inspector, 15th Air Force reported in. He is to conduct an Administrative Inspection of all Units of this Wing commencing with this Headquarters.

A-1 SECTION

Submitted Major McKAMY's name for Contract-Negotiation Officer to Air Force.

Next boat for key personnel (Combat) DS to U.S. will leave about 1 September 1944.

Air Force informs us that Col GORMLY will be retained on our rolls.

Requested Squadron CO's from Air Force, none available however, 3 Majors and 18 Captains, Pilots B-24 departing U.S. 10 August for Italy. Other key personnel being sent over in small shipments.

Air Force Adm Inspector made an inspection of A-1.

Requested more crews from Air Force. None available at present. We are getting a portion of next shipment.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Capt LIDDON, 15th Air Force Inspection Section, inspected 722d Squadron 450th Bomb Group personnel equipment Section and Air Sea Rescue equipment.

Group Training:

98th - No training.

376th - 3 PFF a/c on Destroyer target.
1 a/c airspeed calibration.
1 a/c on XC navigation hop.
2 a/c on Range #4.

449th - 7 a/c on high altitude formation.
1 a/c on Transition hop.
2 a/c on Bombing range.
2 PFF a/c on Destroyer target.
1 PFF a/c on Navigation hop.
4 a/c on XC Navigation hop.



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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

450th - 7 a/c on Transition hop.
2 a/c on XC Navigation hop.
7 a/c on Bombing range, 1 PFF a/c on Destroyer.

Lt ROSE prepared Statistics for Navigation meeting and Major ELLIOTT presented them to Group Navigators.

Capt GRIMMER is installing film library for Wing. Films received from Air Force will be available to all Groups.

Meeting held of all Group Operations personnel. Outlined desired PFF training, Training, anti-accident program, follow up methods used by this Headquarters and items we are covering in Tactical and Training Inspections.

A-4 SECTION

The following Groups have the Bombardier-Navigator compartment modification complete as indicated:

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|---|---|
| 376th Bomb Gp | 3 |
| 449th Bomb Gp | 8 * |
| 450th Bomb Gp | 5 |
| 98th Bomb Gp | 6 |
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SIGNAL

A pamphlet titled "How to Jam Jerry's Radar" was distributed to Groups in liberal quantity. Several copies were distributed within this Headquarters. Recommend that all A-2 and A-3 Officers acquaint themselves with the contents.

SURGEON

A group surgeons meeting was held in this Office today. Major HERTIG, parisitologist from NATOUSA, Major BROTHER, and Capt HOLLISTER from Air Force, Major FAUST from the 62d Service Center and the Surgeons from the Groups of this Wing attended. The main theme of the meeting was Sand Fly Fever and what can be done to prevent it.

Col COGLAND and Col HARTWIG are still in the Hospital.

CHIEF OF STAFF )
OTHER SECTIONS ) Routine duties.

End....



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APO 520 US ARMY

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DAILY DIARY

Monday 1 August 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

Called Col WARNER, 15th Air Force, A-1, and told him that we were going to:

a. Put Mr. PANGALOS in charge of the Lecce Hotel.

b. Send our Rest Camp Bus (Italian) to Rome as the transportation "stunk" up there.

Col WARNER agreed to both.

Brigadier General ATKINSON (Our Friend) returned to the States. Tuesday.

Admiral BRYANT, Commodore ZIROLI, and Captain BAKER visited the Wing Tuesday afternoon. Lt Col THOMAS, Lt Col APPOLD and Lt ENGEL gave a very very good resume of our Bombing and Radar Operations, together with the weekly news summary. All 3 Officers did an excellent job.

Captain BAKER invites the Officers of this Headquarters to visit the TEXAS..

Col BENSON, Major GAVIN and I will inspect Lecce Airdrome, Friday.

I will visit 15th Air Force Thursday, night and if there is anything I can take up for Air Force give a note on it.

Col MUSH and I attended the 98th Bomb Groups' August 1st Celebration and a good time was had by all.

All Airdromes should have an emergency plan worked up to use when their Airdrome lights are unserviceable. The 450th lights were out last night and a strange aircraft or a new crew would have had trouble getting down.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Promotion of Officers still awaiting new amendment to AR...

Secured permission to place 2 EM on DS at HOME for an indefinite period. These men will be used to maintain our Bus and act as drivers, mechanics, etc...

Unable to secure our quota of Very Heavy Cadre personnel from 98th and 376th Bomb Groups. Called upon 450th for 2 T/Sgt's and 4 S/Sgts. MOS 685. 449th called on for 2 T/Sgts and 3 S/Sgts MOS 685 and 1 Cpl 911. Hq Sq furnished 1 M/Sgt, 2 T/Sgt 747 and 1 T/Sgt, 2 Sgt and 2 Privates 685's.



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Diary-1 Aug 44.

A-2 SECTION

Presented War Room summary for visiting Naval Officers.

A-3 SECTION

Maj NUGENT visited 449th Bomb Gp and attended 450th briefing.

Capt GRIMMER visited 376th Bomb Gp.

Lt ROSE attended 450th briefing.

Group Training:

98th - 16 aircraft on bombing range #4.
20 aircraft calibrating airspeed and compass swing.
10 men attended code class.

376th - 12 aircraft practiced formation.
4 PFF aircraft on destroyer target (synchronous).
8 aircraft on Range #4. Calibrated airspeed lead ships.

449th - 11 aircraft practiced formation.
1 aircraft transition.
2 aircraft on XC hops.

450th - 10 aircraft practiced formation 3 hrs.
3 aircraft on Navigation flights.
6 aircraft on Bomb Ranges.
2 aircraft transition hops.
Held target recognition classes for Bombardiers and Navigators.

SIGNAL

Upon receipt of the Radio Shop Bulletin sent out by this Office, modification of waist-gun microphone push button switches will be put into effect in the Groups. Work involved will be done by Group Communications personnel.

The initial issue of switches is in possession of Group Communication Sections. Additional stock will be requisitioned thru regular channels.

Groups have been instructed to submit a report upon completion of 80% of aircraft within the organization.

Capt HARTMAN left for Foggia where he will make an inspection of the 5th Wing Radar Section. The object of this inspection is to garner a few pointers on problems that that section encounters and what remedy, if any, they use to rectify them.



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Diary, 2 Aug 44.

SURGEON

A Group Surgeons meeting is scheduled for tomorrwo. Maj FAUST as well as the Group Surgeons of the Wing are requested to attend. Major BROTHER of the 15th Air Force is going to talk on Sand Fly Fever and discuss methods of control.

Capt GOLDSMITH of the Sanitary Corps and a few enlisted men are going to supervise the Physical control of Sand Fly Fever in the Groups. He is expected to start at the 449th Bomb Group tomorrow.

Col COGLAND and Col HARTWIG are still in the Hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Called 15th Air Force in regards to Special Service equipment and we will be able to pick up supplies on the 5th of August.

Called the 376th Bomb Gp in regards to the issue of Beer rations and found out that they were drawing the same amount as we do per man.

The report on all Special Service equipment from the Groups is in the Special Service Office.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Capt MOVER called to borrow our Bus for Saturday afternoon and evening. We are sending the Bus to Lecce for close inspection and repair at an Italian Garage, it will be returned Saturday morning.

End...



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Monday
31 July 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Office Hours of this Headquarters are from 8:30 to 5:00P.M. That means that Officers will have finished Breakfast and left the mess before 8:30 A.M. This is a good headquarters, and it is going to stay that way, but the quickest ways to deteriorate is to become slouchy in dress and lax in your duties.

Rpt by Aug. 15

All Staff Sections and Units of this Wing will carefully study their Sections and Units, with a view in mind of recommending changes in T/O, T/E, Grades and ratings which will improve the combat effeciency of the Wing. T/O and T/E charts will be prepared to accompany your recommendations. "What do you need to effeciently operate your Army?" More Corporals, clerks, or less typewriters, Sergeants, etc... These reports are to be turned in to the Chief of Staff by August 15th, Tuesday (This year)....

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Capt D'ACOSTA, Air Force will be down at 0945 hrs, 4 August to hold a conference on Awards and Decorations. All units have been notified to attend. Discussed with Col BARLOW (AF) the fact that we have personnel who are deserving of the Legion of Merit but we are not permitted to submit recommendations on them due to our limited quota (2 for Enl Men only). He stated that Capt D'ACOSTA would take that matter up also that perhaps they could give us a few more Legion of Merits.

The following Officers are to return to the U.S. for duty as Contract Negotiation: Maj NORTON, 376th Bomb Gp; Maj LINDLEY and Capt WHITE, 47th Wing; Capt BOWMAN, Capt WEBER, and Lt HESSEN, 450th Bomb Gp.

26 Aerial Gunners arrived and assigned to 449th Bomb Gp.

$5,050.00 in War Bonds sold or pledged today...

No word as yet on the receipt of the new change to AR on promotions. Expected any day now. Promotions are temporarily suspended pending receipt thereof....

A-2 SECTION

Lt WORKMAN, Asst Wing PI and a PI Officer from each Group, to San Severo to attend a 10 day photo interpretation course conducted by MAPRW.

Advised by Air Force that Maj LINDLEY and Capt WHITE are to be returned to the US for assignment to the Contract renegotiation branch.



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Diary, 31 July 44

A-3 SECTION

Group Training:

98th - 3 PFF aircraft on bombing flights - 30 bombs dropped.
2 aircraft on bombing range #4 - 20 bombs dropped.
1 aircraft on transition hop - 2 hours.
8 men practiced on link trainer.

376th - 2 aircraft on bombing range #4 - 20 bombs dropped.
1 aircraft on high altitude test hop.
1 aircraft on low altitude test hop.
1 aircraft on navigation flight.

449th - conducted maximum night formation flying.

450th - no training.

450th had aircraft accident. Ship blew up. 7 killed and 3 injured. Ship started down runway on normal take off, 100 feet from end of runway put on brakes, nose wheel gave away and ship skidded 150 yards when it stopped with tail in the air. an angle of about 50 degrees. The main landing gear held, ship caught fire immediately on stopping.

98th Bomb Gp had crash landing - ship ran out of gas. No one badly injured.

Record 76 missions - without a turnback. B-24 of 376th Bomb Gp went down today after direct hit by flak.

Trip to Rome set up for Navy.

A-4 SECTION

The 47th Wing Officer's Mess is having Ice Cream made 3 times a week (40 lieters) by a small plant in Oria. This plant is not requisitioned and can accomodate Wing Headquarters Enlisted Mess (60 leiters) twice each week if desired.

2 Ice Cream plants in Francavilla have been requisitioned to service the 450th Bomb Gp and all Units on field.

Lt S. D. STOOKSBERRY of the 62d Service Gp, S-4 has made arrangements for an Ice Cream plant in Manduria to make Ice Cream once each week for the Wing Headquarters Enlisted Mess and will forward a schedule.

In the near future an additional plant in Manduria will be requisitioned and Wing Headquarters Enlisted Mess will be furnished a new schedule.

Arrangements will be made within the next few days to have 10 gallons of Ice Cream made twice each week for the 331st Signal Enlisted Mess.



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Diary, 31 July 44.

A-4 SECTION (Contd.)

3 Ice Cream plants in Manduria have been requisitioned and are now in use. The Red Cross has two and all other Units and detachments in the City of Manduria are using the other.

Maj MARKLE, Adriatic Depot, Bari, informed this Office that Capt ERSKINE, Corps of Engineers, 376th Bomb Group, had been given permission to continue using oil and water distributors on runway. Equipment will be returned to Adriatic Depot, Bari, upon completion of present project.

The 3½ tank cars of dust laying oil were moved from the 98th Bomb Gp by a misinformation from the Corps of Engineers. Their Headquarters in Bari ordered it moved to the Foggia area. The Corps of Engineers in Bari were told that the 98th Bomb Gp did not need the oil. So far this Office has been unable to find the origin of the information.

SIGNAL

Col DOTY left for the US on temporary duty.

SURGEON

Pursuant to call from Capt HOLLISTER, Epidemiologist of the 15th Air Force, a check was made of the Malaria control items on hand in the Groups. It is expected that Capt HOLLISTER will visit the Wing and Groups in the next day or so.

Col COGLAND and Col HARTWIG are still in the Hospital.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Capt BURRIS has returned from Tunis at 1800 hrs.

Only 15 of all Officers assigned reported to the Squadron Orderly Room to get their pay. We aim to please but would appreciate being met part way.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Called 15th AF on Posters and more information of the soldier's voting.

The all Colored Show will be at the Groups under this Wing on the following dates:

| Group | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|
| 98th Bomb Gp | 1 August 44 | 6:30 PM |
| 449th Bomb Gp | 2 August 44 | 3:00 - 7:00 PM |
| 35th Field Hospital | 3 August 44 | 2:00 - 8:00 PM |
| 62nd Service Group | 3 August 44 | 3:00 - 8:00 PM |
| 376th Bomb Group | 4 August 44 | 8:30 PM |
| 450th Bomb Group | 5 August 44 | |

This show has 25 men in it.



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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Sunday
30 July 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col KYLE flew to Rome area.

ADJUTANT

Major WALTERS has returned from Rome.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force has requested 215 EM for Cadres for Very Heavy Bomb Groups These were furnished as follows and in MOS as indicated:

| MOS | UNIT | UNIT |
|---|---|---|
| 555 | 98th - 3 | 376th - 2 |
| 678 | 15 | 15 |
| 685 | 14 | 14 |
| 686 | 1 | 1 |
| 687 | 0 | 1 |
| 747 | 44 | 45 |
| 750 | 5 | 6 |
| 754 | 5 | 6 |
| 911 | 20 | 19 |
| Total..... | 98th- 107 | 376th- 108 |

These personnel are to be replaced the same day. The same boat that brings the replacements is to return the Cadre to the U. S. Within each MOS and the total number the follow ing percentage of grades will be chosen:

M/Sgt 6 %
T/Sgt 15 %
S/Sgt 42 %
Sgt 22%
Cpl 15 %

These grades will be replaced by not to exceed 50% S/Sgt's and 50% Cpl's. This will enable the older units to promote their deserving personnel. It will also be a morale factor insofar as rotation is concerned.

Air Force informed us we would have to accept 1 T/5, 1 T/4, 2 Pfc that belong to the new Air Force Band. These men will be on DS to the Band. (Another contradiction to their current program of "getting the right man in the right job")...

Received instructions for Lt Col DOTY to report to Air Force for orders. He is to fly to U.S. He is due there by 7 August.

Each Officer of this Headquarters should by a War Bond this month. See Capt FORREST - A-1 Section..



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A-2 SECTION

Letter to all Groups outlining photographic requirements for better Bomb fall plotting, including a stereo-strip showing the complete development of the attack from 1 camera if possible. As requested verticals of falling bombs, particularly in the case of cloud or smoke covered targets so that the point of impact could be calculated.

A-3 SECTION

Major NUGENT went to Air Force and had conference with Operational Analysis Section on scoring of Bombs. Talked with Air Force bombing Officer on Techniques of offset bombing. Went to 449th and talked with Group Bombardier on bombsight maintenance and bombing problems.

Capt VON NOY - line of flight and placements of targets have been staked. 6 targets have been built. Clearing of 3 additional targets has been made. This was status as of Saturday nite. Work continuing today.

Group Training:

98th - 1 aircraft on Bomb Range #4, 10 bombs dropped.
1 aircraft on destroyer target.
2 aircraft on transition flights.
1 aircraft on navigation flight.
1 aircraft calibrated air speed, swing compass.

376th - Air Sea Rescue Drill, 250 attended. Duration 3-½ hours.

449th - 8 aircraft night training mission.
2 aircraft local navigation flights.

450th - no training.

Major NOSKER flew mission with 376th. Inspected briefing, take off.

Col WARREN call Navy at Taranto regarding flights to Rome for Navy personnel. No decision yet.

A-4 SECTION

Lt Col HARTWIG, 61st Station Hospital.

SURGEON

Major THORPE is at the Rest Camp to relieve Capt BREED. He will remain there for 1 week.

Capt HALL, 98th Bomb Gp called about a transfer of EM from the 2d Bomb Group.

A request was made for articles to be published in the Bomb Blast, from the Medical Officers of the Wing.

Major Levy will be available tomorrow for conferences after a weeks absence



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SURGEON (Contd.)

Col COGLAND and Col HARTWIG are still in the Hospital.

ORDNANCE

Discussed with Lt Col CASSELL the placement of 22 ordnance men sent by Air Force. The 376th Bomb Gp was assigned 10 and the 98th Bomb Group 12, this brings each Group up to 90% of the authorized strength.

The flak suit situation will be critical during the next two weeks. Requested the Groups to sent their unserviceable flak suits to Depot No. 11 for repairs.

Conducted an aerial inspection of all the ammunition areas in this Wing.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Sent to Bari to pick up Stars & Stripes and Yanks. Also paid for the Stars & Stripes and Yanks that we had last week.

Called 15th Air Force about the Show that is going to be at the 98th Bomb Group tonight at 7:00 o'clock.

Called all Groups on Special Service Reports.

Called all Groups on the Music Concert to be held in Manduria on Tuesday, 1 August 1944 by the Navy Band. This Concert will start at 6:30 PM.

The all Colored Show will be at the 98th Bomb Group tomorrow night at 6:30 P.M. and the Schedule for the other Groups will be given at a later date.

Visited Lt Col COGLAND in Bari yesterday. He seems to be getting along fine. They have finished 1 series of shots and they are going to give him another series in 8 days. Then they think he will be well enough to leave the Hospital. He is very sore from all the shots but today they are going to let him start taking passes into town. He should be back at the Wing here in 3 more weeks.

End.....



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DAILY DIARY

29 July 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col Partridge (G.O.R) called and said that we could get 4 Italian Searchlights if we would send guide over to Brindisi to guide them to the different A/D's. Maj Nosker is handling the ball.

Col Frank Hill has been releived as CO 62nd Service Gp and Lt Col Marshall has been designated CO.

Called Col Bothwell, Ord Officer about 2 vehicles for the 1052nd M.P. Co. and he okayed the deal.

ADJUTANT

ROUTINE DUTIES

A-1 SECTION

1st Lt John H. Geagan (0503) communication officer reported in and is further assigned to 98th Bomb Gp.

1st Lt Joseph H. Gnagnarelli reported to Wing and is assigned to A-1 Section as Awards and Decorations Officer.

35 Enlisted Replacements arrived and were assigned to 376th and 98th B Gps.

1 Navigator reported in and assigned to 376th Bomb Gp. This Wing has 229 Navigators assigned to Groups. Basing this against 96 combat crews we are still short 175 Navigators.

A-2 SECTION

Counter-Intelligence Officer, 15th Air Force, advised a representative of the theater censor will visit this Wing on 14 August for a conference with unit censors.

CID report of murder investigation involving EM of 909th Sec Bn received from 15th Air Force and forwarded to Major Garrison for incorporation in the investigation report and charges which he is having prepared.

A-3 SECTION

Group Training:

98th - 12 a/c on bombing range.
6 men on code practice.
10 men attended escape lecture.
3 a/c practiced formation flying.
2 a/c swinging compasses, speed calibration.
6 men on bomb training. (Sperry)
3 a/c transition flying.
Lecture for bombardiers and navigators.
2 radar a/c on radar bombing.

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A-3 SECTION CONT'D.

376th - 14 a/c practiced formation flying for 3 hours.
5 a/c on bombing range #4
4 a/c on destroyer target.
3 a/c (radar) on Pianosa, dropped 10 bombs.
9th Fighter movie in afternoon for all combat personnel.

449th - 3 a/c, new crews - air training.
3 a/c C-1 and A-5 test.
9 a/c practiced formation flying.
2 a/c transition flying.
4 a/c on bombing range.

450th - 16 a/c on instruments, 2 hrs. each.
3 a/c on navigational mission.
12 a/c practiced formation flying.
8 a/c on GEE.
3 a/c on bomb range.
1 a/c practiced on FFF.

Lt Col Appold went to Air Force and had conference with radar section concerning RECCE flight flown 2 nights previous by Wing.

Major Nosker went to Brindisi to locate searchlight crews and direct them to groups.

Capt Grimmer inspected Forms 14, Aircraft Accident Reports, at 98th and 376th.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Maj Thorpe of the 450th will be at the rest camp as Med Officer beginning tomorrow for a week.

Maj Petterson of the 449th visited the office for a short time this afternoon.

Col Hartwig left for the 61st Station Hospital today.
Col Cogland is still in the 26th General Hospital.

SIGNAL

Attended meeting at 98th. Meeting conducted by Lt Col Manzo. All Sq Comdrs and Communication Officers were present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed plan to consolidate all Communications in one unit. The plan was discussed at length and the results were as follows:

a. In place of the five (5) telephone switchboards now in operation, all switchboards will be grouped into one master exchange. This will result in better operating conditions and will save manpower during the night hours.



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SIGNAL CONT'D.

b. The Central Repair and Maintenance Shop plan was not approved for the present. Plans will be made for this type operation so if the 15th Air Force decides on that plan the Group will be ready.

Major Wright and Beacon maintenance crew from the 450th Bomb Gp will leave Bari on Monday 31 July. Wing Headquarters will be notified when beacon is in operation.

ALL OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

Friday
28 July 1944.

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force puts out its fancy policies in regards to personnel.... now they come along and say "Let's overlook it and you take care of the Grades for 30 enlisted men that we are going to assign you and use for our Stockade. They will belong to us... you have the T/O where they can be absorbed... This is in direct conflict with everything we have been fussing about and we don't like it....

Air Force informed us that due to T/O trouble, Lt Col GRAY's orders were being amended to place him on TD with MAAF instead of transfer. They stated he would be transferred to MAAF as soon as they had a vacancy. We reminded them that we understood their met hods of transfers as we still have Col GORMLY assigned to us. His case was an exact duplicate of this one.

38 Enlisted men and 2 officers (1 A-1 - and 1 Com) will report the 29th July. These are replacements. This brings us up to about 100 EM and Officers whom we have received as replacements so far.

A-2 SECTION

TWX to all Groups advising they have been over-editing strike photos in some instances and printing too few photographs. Unless sufficient prints are provided a complete bomb fall plot is impossible.

Capt FRITZ, 15th AF Photo Officer, visited to discuss with Lt Col THOMAS, Lt Col APPOLD, Capt DODD and Lt GANDY, Wing Photo Officer, the forthcoming Wing directive on photographs. This directive is intended to provide "Bombs Away" photos on smoke covered targets (to enable calculations of the point at which the bombs will hit), and to provide better vertical coverage on bomb strikes so that plotting can be base on stereopairs.

A-3 SECTION

Group Training:

98th Bomb Gp - 3 aircraft PFF on destroyer.
12 aircraft on Bombing Range.

376th Bomb Gp - No training. Runway closed.

449th Bomb Gp - 3 aircraft compass swing
4 aircraft bombing PFF on destroyer
7 aircraft practiced formation
1 aircraft transition.
2 aircraft XC navigation.



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A-3 SECTION (Contd)

450th Bomb Gp - 4 aircraft calibration - transition
3 aircraft navigation hops.
2 aircraft bombing PFF on destroyer.
4 aircraft bombing - visual.

Flying Evaluation Board met.

98th Bomb Gp reports they will have 32 crews trained in night flying soon.

A-3 plans to transfer Lt SJOBERG of 376th Bomb Gp (Radar navigator) to this headquarters.

4 searchlights being assigned Wing to aid in night flying. Groups notified to feed and house men.

A-4 SECTION

Sending Sgt Urban to XV Air Force Service Command for 3 days as of Monday to help compile a Statistical report that is required by the States. This will save the Groups from doing it as the suspense date is to short.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN attended the Flying Evaluation Board proceedings today as a member.

Major GAVIN examined Lt. SIMMONS for a Form 64, Physical Examination for Flying.

Work was started on a medical diary or history as required AAFSC/MTO Memo 25-13, 12 July 44.

Capt HALL of the 98th Bomb Gp sent a medical officer to the Rest Camp when it was learned that there was no one in attendance this week.

Col COGLAND is still in the Hospital.

ORDNANCE

With Capt HOUGHTON inspected the ammunition areas at the 449th and 450th Bomb Groups for fire hazards.

Submitted request to Air Force for flares to be used in night landings in case lighting system fails to function.

SIGNAL )
CHEMICAL WARFARE )
HQ. COMMANDANT ) Routine duties.
ARMAMENT )
INSPECTION )

1964

Diary, 28 July 44.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Received another Enlisted Man to help PFC Carter wit part of the Office work.

Called 15th Air Force for Movie Schedule and recalled the 62d Service Group to put schedule in the Wing News Paper.

There will be an open air Concert in the Bari Stadium on the 3rd and 4th of August.

I N  P E R S O N

* LILY PONS
* ANDRE KOSTELANETZ
* CAROLYN GRAY
* FRANCESCO VERSACI

Time 2000 hours.

Called 15th Air Force for more posters on voting for Groups as requested by 449th Bomb Group.

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Thursday
27 July 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col PEARSON, MC, Hq 15th Air Force will not come down to this Headquarters, as previously announced.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Received 5 crews, (less Navigators PFF). Assigned 2 - 98th; 3 - 449th. Received 4 crews with aircraft and assigned 2 - 98th; 2 - 449th.

We have received 7 replacements for Ground rotation (5 - 47th Wing; 1 - 376th; 2 - 98th). This still does not take care of the replacements needed. There has been aproximately 52 replacements received for 310 Officers and men whom we have sent home.

We are being assigned a 1st Lieutenant who is to be our Awards and Decorations Officer.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Maj NOSKER and Capt STALEY conducted Tactical inspection of 98th Group.

Group Training:

98th - had 4 aircraft on Bombing range. Dropped 40 bombs.
3 aircraft on transition flights.
1 aircraft on Navigation flight.

376th - had 3 aircraft formations for new crews.
1 aircraft on Pianosa.
2 aircraft on Range #4.

449th - 2 aircraft on bombing range, PFF.
1 aircraft on day transition flight.
4 to 8 aircraft on nite transition flight.
1 aircraft on Navigation flight.

450th - 4 aircraft calibration, transition. 3 aircraft on Navigation.
1 aircraft on Bombing range using PFF.
1 aircraft on Bombing range, visual.



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Diary, 27 July 44.

B-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Preparing safety letters to all Groups covering aircraft accidents.

2 aircraft accidents at 376th Bomb Gp. 3 of crew were killed, 3 injured.

2 new aircraft assigned to 450th Bomb Group. 1 new aircraft assigned to 449th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION

Teletype from MAAF, check on issue of combat whiskey. Violations are being found on the issue. Air Inspectors will check this.

Status of Nose modifications: 450th Bomb Gp now has 2 aircraft. No change in other Groups.

Service Center is losing an Ordnance Company.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Made trip to Bari for conference with Air Force Chemical Officer. Information obtained consisted chiefly of information relative to the carrying and results with Incendiary Bombs. Volumn of Incendiary bombs has reached a new high and is expected to increase materially in the coming months. Results of the various missions, has been very satisfactory.

HQ. COMMANDANT

It has come to the attention of this Office that Officers are turning vehicles into the Motor Pool for repair and setting a time limit for said repair. It is believed that when our mechanics are working against time they cannot turn out the quality workmanship demanded of them. Hereafter when a vehicle is turned in for repair the release of said vehicle will be determined by either the Shop foreman or the Transportation Officer. The vehicle will be considered deadlined until officially released.

End...

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Wednesday
26 July 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

All correspondence prepared for the signature of the Adjutant until the 1st of August will be prepared for either Capt FORREST or Lt SIMMONS signature.-- Gone to ROME.

A-1 SECTION

Discussed the following problems with AF:

a. Maldistribution of personnel: No action to be taken by AF until after classification teams have made a study of all units which will not be for another 7 - 8 weeks.

b. Combat rotation: AF is rewriting their Memo's into one. All personnel will be sent home on a permanent change of station unless they are in excellent shape physically and show no signs of fatigue and are key personnel. These key personnel may be sent home on DS at anytime prior to completion of a normal tour of duty. No personnel will be sant home on DS who has completed a normal tour of duty.

c. Promotion of officers: (1) 2nd Lts recently appointed from F/O's will definitely be required to serve 2 months in grade before being promoted to 1st Lt's. To offset this, due to short time necessary to complete a tour of duty, it was agreed that a F/O would be recommended as soon as possible after joining an organization, then if he proves himself unworthy prior to appointment his promotion could be canceled when the orders arrive ordering him to active duty. (2) AF further states that last minute promotions will not be favorably considered by them except in the most unusual cases. (3) We are third on the AF's list on handling promotions. The time from Sq to AF is taking too damn long. The delay is in Sq Hq. All units have been notified.

Received 5 crews minus navigators late in PM. These will be asgd to 449 (3) and 98th (2).

AF states we are getting approximately 4 officers (1 F/O, 3 CO) and 44 EM for ground rotation for August. They gave us a quota of 25.

AF gave us a pat on the back on awards and decorations, especially 449th Group.

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A-2 SECTION

Fifteenth Air Force requested nomination of experienced combat crew member, not above rank of Major, interested in intelligence work, who could be trained for such activity. It is expected his duties will continue after the present emergency. Transmitted data to the Groups.

Lt Gillan checked briefing at 98th. Suggested improvements relayed by Lt Col Thomas to the group Intelligence Section.

As per request from this Headquarters, the 306th Fighter Wing sergeant showing the combat film to groups of this Wing is supplementing the film with a running verbal commentary.

A-3 SECTION

Major Elliott went on mission with 98th Group.

Group Training: 98th had 4 a/c on range #4.
3 a/c on navigation flights.

376th had 2 a/c on destroyer target.
2 a/c on transition flights.

449th had 1 a/c on range #3.
1 a/c on calibration.
2 a/c on transition flights.

450th had 6 a/c on transition flights.
2 mickies on Pianosa range.
2 a/c on range #3.

15th Air Forces Says MAAF has okayed our gunnery site.

98th has experimented with homing on lead ship at night - results were fairly satisfactory.

A-4 SECTION.

Status of nose modification. Ships Completed- 98th-6, 376th-5, 449th-8, 450th-1.

Service center is manufacturing packing boxes for the Wing. These are to be used in the event of a water move.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Issued supplies to the 449th Gp.

Called 15th AF for some information on soldiers voting. Also asked for some handballs for Col Rush.
Sent to pick up PX supplies at Manduria.
Called all Gps in regards to a report on the last two U.S.O Shows they had.

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HQ COMMANDANT

1st Lt Talbott joined the Squadron as replacement for Lt Peper. He will assume the duties of Squadron Adjutant. Lt Bryan will assume the duties of Supply and Transportation Officer.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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** Col RUSH please note. HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING /so
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Tuesday
25 July 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Talked to Lt Col MANZO about awards and decorations. Some of these Groups have the idea that 50 sorties rate a DFC.... of course that is an erroneous impression, which must be eliminated. Col MANZO also asked about his position in regards to the Italian Beacon; he will use it for his night flying except when there is a warning...

Lt Col GRAY called to say good-bye.. as he is leaving this morning. Hopes to return for the August 1st celebration.

ADJUTANT

Capt STALEY reported for duty and detailed as Asst A-3.

A-1 SECTION

2 crews arrived and were assigned to the 98th and 450th Bomb Groups.

Talked to Col BARLOW, Asst A-1 and Maj SNEED, 15th Air Force Provost Marshal regarding 1053d M. P. Co (Avn). They stated E. M. that are overages but we would not get the 1053d M. P. Co as first stated.

A-2 SECTION

Group Adjutant, 376th, requested permission to depart from 15th Air Force directive which says Group CO will brief combat crewmen departing for the States. This works a hardship when personnel leave two or three at a time. Advised there should be no objection if the Squadron CO's take over this duty, the Gp CO assuming responsibility only when personnel are departing in any considerable numbers at one time. The directive that all such personnel be briefed on security and how to conduct themselves on return to the States originated at MAAF.

A-3 SECTION

1 aircraft assigned to 450th Bomb Gp. 1 aircraft assigned to 449th.

Capt VON NOY went to Gunnery Range.

Group Training:

98th Bomb Gp had 13 ships on bombing range #3, 15,000 ft.
13 ship practice formation.

376th Bomb Gp had 12 ship formation practice.
8 ships on bombing range #4. 4 ships on Pianosa Range.
5 bombs dropped on PFF. Allother ships to check GEE equipment and airspeed.

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449th Bomb Gp had 2 ships on Pianosa Range.
4 ships practiced formation.

450th Bomb Gp had 2 ships on XC to Pomigliano.
8 ships practiced transition formation.
9 ships transition of new crews.
4 GEE flights for calibration.
8 ships on Pianosa range.

Wing's new destroyer is now anchored and bombing will commence 25th July. Range to be used only for PFF or offset bombing.

Instructions out to all Groups to assign qualified Officer (flight commander or anove) in control tower during all hours of local flying. Squadron Commanders or above to be present each time Group takes off or lands.

All Groups directed in new Operations Memorandum to have Group air commander make informal telephone report to Wing A-3 after each mission summarizing and operational or tactical difficulties encountered.

SIGNAL

Visited 450th Bomb Gp, checked Radar Shop and new installation of H2X Beacon. This new beacon should be ready for operation by the end of this week.

Visited the 98th Bomb Gp, discussed with Lt Col MANZO and Capt HUBBARD the plan for use of the Liaison Set for homing. Lt Col MANZO was in favor of the idea having used it for the same purpose while on Anti-submarine patrol. Tests will be conducted on both day and night operation, and a report made in the next few days.

SURGEON

A meeting of the Sergeants from the Group Surgeons Offices was held this afternoon. The discussion concerned the preparation and submission of medical reports.

Col COGLAND still in the Hospital.

ORDNANCE

Check with Group Ordnance Officers as to the number of personnel they were short in their respective Groups. Contacted Air Force Ordnance Department regarding same.

Made arrangements with Air Force to send Enlisted personnel and Officers to the Ordnance Armament School at Air Force for a refresher course on.50 caliber machine gun.



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HQ COMMANDANT

Visited Lecde with Capt OELRICH. Conferred with Captain KINGSOLVER on proposed improvements at Hotel and materials required. Also checked on improvements at the PRO Station with additional improvements in mind.

Visited Lt Col WILSON and inquired as to possibility of using Beach Club for next Enlisted Mens' Dance. We will get together on this at a later date.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Capt McFADDEN went to Bari to a little meeting with Col DAVIS at the 15th Air Force Special Service. USO Camp Shows were discussed and they are going to try and give us more shows and let us keep them longer.

Made arrangements for a small Musical Stage Show to be at the 98th Bomb Group on 1 August. A special day for them.

Called all Groups for men wanting to enter the swimming meet in Bari on the 1st of August.

** Unable to get Tennis balls for Col HUSH but hope to have a couple of hand balls by tomorrow....

Visited Lt Col COGLAND in hospital at Bari and he seems to be doing fine. They give him a lot of shots each day. He feels sure that he will be okay soon.

End....



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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Monday
24 July 44

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Major BROWN reported for duty and detailed as Wing Administrative Inspector. Lt Col GRAY reld from asgmt 98th Bomb Gp asgd to MAAF. Lt Col MANZO assumed command 98TH.

A-1 SECTION

27 crews arrived 23rd July and assigned as follows:
5 - 98th Bomb Gp
9 - 376th Bomb Gp
5 - 449th Bomb Gp
8 -450th Bomb Gp.

3 additional crews to arrive via Air held up at GIOIA Due to mechanical trouble. One will be assigned to 449th Bomb and 2 to 450th Bomb Gp.

1 crew from 449th and 450th Bomb Gps will be placed on DS to Blida, N. Africa for duty with 885th Bomb Sq. These crews are from the 27 assigned day before.

Ground Officers may now be promoted under T/O authorizations without respect to combat personnel. In other words they now recognize two distinct parts of the T/O - combat and ground. Ground promotions may be made for ground personnel so long as they do not exceed the vacancies so authorized.

A-2 SECTION

A 26 minute film of combat camera shots from 306th Wing shown to Wing personnel. Sgt Huston, 306th Wing Hq, will spend one day at each Group showing the pictures to combat personnel.

Capt WHITE checked escape indoctrination course given by 450th Bomb Gp.

In compliance with request from 15th Air Force, requested written report from each Group on precautions used to regulate admittance to base supervision of civilians on the base.

A-3 SECTION

Capt GRIMMER investigated 2 aircraft accidents at 98th Bomb Group. Went over accident procedures with 449th Bomb Gp.

Major NUGENT made inspections of 449th and 450th Bombing sections. Discussed current bombing problems with sections.



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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Lt Col WARREN went on mission with 376th Bomb Group.

Group Training:

450th Bomb Gp had 4 aircraft on compass swing flights. 2 aircraft on GEE navigation flights. 2 aircraft on transition flights to Rome.

376th had 2 aircraft on PFF missions at PIANOSA Range. 1 high altitude flight.

98th Bomb Gp - no training. Ships on mission.

449th Bomb Gp had one 6 ship formation. 1 GEE navigation flight. 2 practice bombing missions.

1 PFF practice mission.

Capt VON NOY contacted Commander RUSSELL, Royal Navy (Taranto) in company with Major TRIGGS, 15th Air Force, A-3, and received clearance from Navy for Gunnery Range to be placed in entire area between Cabone River and Basento rather than having 5 sets of targets such as first proposed, can now have 7 sets or 21 targets.

The convoy channel located 4 miles off shore will have to be watched carefully by Crackling Tower so as to regulate firing when convoy is in immediate area. This stipulation is the only one the Navy asks for. Major TRIGGS will now try to get clearance through MAAF and have air corridor moved more to the East towards Taranto.

A-4 SECTION

The following is a list by Groups of the total number of aircraft with nose modification complete and ready for operation.

98th Bomb Group - 6
376th Bomb Group - 4
449th Bomb Group - 6
450th Bomb Group - 1

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

SURGEON

The ambulance loaned to the 450th Bomb Gp was returned to us today. In the near future it will be assigned to 1 of the older Groups.

Col COGLAND is still in the 26 th General Hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE )
ORDNANCE ) Routine duties.
ARMAMENT )



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Diary, 24 July 44

CHEMICAL WARFARE

BAR AND MESS

The Officers Bar has now gone on an entirely new Bar Book basis policy for purchases of items at the Bar. This will facilitate the transactions under the new system of employing Italian help in this section. Monies received will be accounted for, by each Officer signing the slip on which his Bar Book record is kept. In this manner, an accurate accounting of ALL monies taken in at the Bar can be kept.

Books may be purchased on Credit, with the understanding that ALL accounts will be paid pROMPTLY on the first of the following month.

To eliminate any possibility of confusion in so far as taking tickets out of the incorrect book on the part of the bartender, from this time out, all Books will be carried by the Officer to whom issued. No Book --No Drinks. No marking down of drinks will be allowed, and this leads to a very complex and inaccurate situation.

HQ. COMMANDANT

Engineers on the job repairing water lines. We now have water. We are tapping the Photo Lab into the main line from the tower to insure constant supply.

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Sunday
23 July 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

27 crews for 47th Wing reported to GIOIA this date (22 July 44). Crews will be picked up by Truck on 23rd July and brought here for further assignment.

4 combat crews reported in this date and were assigned to the 449th Bomb Group.

Capt OMAN, Asst A-1, 15th AF called and stated that Lt Col SNOWDEN, reported in to Air Force and was available for assignment to the 450th Bomb Gp as Deputy. Asked that he be sent down for interview before assigning him to Wing.

A-2 SECTION

306th Wing advises it is sending a Sergeant to this Wing with copies of a combat film taken on missions in which the fighters were escorting bombers of this Wing. It was requested that, in the interest of preserving the film, showings be limited to once at Wing HQ and twice at each Group. The Sergeant will be on DS to the Wing while the film is here.

TWX to all Groups advising as to the types of Allied naval aircraft operating in this Theater and requesting that special attention be given to recognition training on these aircraft.

15th Air Force requested name of company grade Officer available for assignment to Evaluation Board at MAAF. Recommended Capt NEEDHAM, 98th Bomb Gp, with Lt MADDEN, 376th Bomb Gp, as alternate.

Conference with Lt Col APPOLD and Wing Photo Officer relative to new directive to meet present Wing photographic requirements.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col APPOLD to 450th and 376th. Capt GRIMMER to 98th and 449th.

Capt VON NOY - 22d July, contacted Maj DANIELS, 52d District, Taranto, regarding clearing civilians from North of Gunnery Range to METAPONTIA. Received clearance to BASENTO River. Drove over this area in Jeep and the portion that is gained North will accommodate 1 set of 3 targets. Instructed Lt LARSON at Crackling Tower to start immediate construction of Range markers. Proposed plan now is to cut off 2 sets of Ranges or 6 targets at South end of Range with the one gained and 2 lost will

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give us 5 sets or 15 Targets. Entire Range is going to be resurveyed so as to miss as many buildings as possible, and also straighten flight line. This work on actual range will start Tuesday, July 25th.

Closed No. 3 Range for bombing July 24th to permit maintenance men to repair range that day.

Training:- 98th Bomb Gp conducted maximum maintenance. 2 lead crews checked planes. All new crews practiced formation, 3 hours each. 2 ships from each Squadron on Bomb ranges from 0800 - 1200. 8 hours on Bomb Trainer and 8 hours on link trainer.

376th Bomb Gp - no training. Field closed.

449th Bomb Gp - 2 orientation flights for new crews. 2 XC Navigation flights.

450th Bomb Gp - no training.

Navy notified A-3 that Target Ship will be towed from Taranto harbor for location July 24th.

450th Bomb Gp had aircraft accident. Ship overshot on landing and ran into another ship on taxi strip. Capt GRIMMER is investigating.

450th Bomb Gp is No. 1 on accidents with a good lead.

Night training mission for all Groups scheduled for night of July 23d.

Maj NOSKER - conducted informal inspection of 449th and 450th Bomb Groups. Checked 449th Bomb Gp on formation pattern.

A-4 SECTION ) Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Lt Col DOTY and Capt HARTMAN visited Signal Section, 15th Air Force and discussed Radar and Supply problems.

SURGEON

Maj GAVIN inspected the 98th Bomb Gp and the Hotel and PRO Station in Lecce today. Conditions at all places was found to be satisfactory.

Col COGLAND is in the 26 th General Hospital.

OTHER SECTIONS ) Routine duties.

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Saturday
22 July 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col Pearson will be temporarily assigned to the Wing until Col Cogland returns from the hospital.

ADJUTANT.

Arrangements completed to make available to 450th Bomb Gp Radar Section two additional vehicles and trailers.

Capt Perry to be released from DS Hq 15th AF and return to this organization for duty 25 July 1944.

Col Snowden reported this date.

A-1 SECTION

Routine Duties.

A-2 SECTION

449th Group reports that one ship damaged by flak on Saturday's mission dropped behind and another B-24 dropped back to cover it. The pair were attacked by 6 enemy aircraft, of which five were claimed destroyed. Both B-24's landed safely.

A-3 SECTION

4 A/C (B-24J's) assigned to 98th Group

Lt Col Appold to San Pan.

Major Nugent reported for duty from hospital.

Capt R. C. Staley of 449th being assigned to Wing as check pilot and Ass't A-3.

Capt Von Noy to gunnery range. Construction of revised range to start as soon as possible.

Training accomplished by Groups for this date is as follows:

98th - 2 PFF flights, 4 hours each.
1 ship on check flight.
1 ship prictice bombing, 10 bombs dropped.
1 ship practice bombing mission.

376th - no training. All ships were on mission.

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449th - No training. All ships were on mission.

450th - 1 PFF ship practiced on Pianosa. 2 ships on bombing range #3.

A-4 SECTION

The following is a list of kits (Blisters) this department furnished the Bomb Gps of this Wing to complete Navigator - Bombardier compartments modification:

98th - six (6)
376th - six (6)
449th - four (4)
450th - five (5)

To date no report has been made as to number of airplanes that have been completed.

The trade school in Bari has promised to manufacture enough Blisters to modify eight (8) airplanes in each group of this Wing.

SURGEON

Air Force called about hight rate of sand fly fever in units of this Wing. From 1 to 20 July there were 94 cases admitted to the hospital with a loss of 362 man days. The first case was diagnosed 13 June and subsequently until 1 July 30 patients were discharged, 193 man days being lost during June.
Only the female sand fly bites and usually only at night, it is small enough to pass through the larger mesh mosquito nets. However, the small mesh, or sand fly type, will keep them out. Insect repellant properly used will keep them off one out doors. Incubation period of the disease is 3 - 4 days.

Capt Curry, Provost Marshall, called in reference to apprehending prostitutes on whom he received an Individual Report of Venereal Disease Case and Contact - accomplished when U. S. Army personnel contact a Venereal Disease. All treatment of prositutes has been turned over to civilian authorities under the direction of the A.C.C. at present the Provost Marshall does not have transporation to carry suspects f from the surrounding towns to Lecce and Toranto where the hospitals are located, and when he does get them there they are not taken unless they have already been examined. Air Force was called on the situation, and we were informed that they would take it up with the A.C.C.

Major Nugent was released from the hospital.

Col Cogland is in the 26th General Hospital.

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ALL OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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Friday
22 July 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Santa Ceserea Rest Camp will be turned over to the 15th Air Force August 5, 1944, all bills, transfer of property, etc.. must be accomplished prior to that date.

Col WARNER says that they will only close it for a period of five days, for paint, repair, etc..

Lt Col HARRIS, 15th Air Force, Engineer came down and we inspected GROTTAGLIE, San PANCRAZIO and LECCE Airdromes. He thoroughly agreed that a Company from the 1898th Engineer Bn should remain until, GROTTAGLIE and San PANCRAZIO are completed.

Col RUSH will call General TWINING on this today.

Col Rush
ret. fr. Rome.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Capt OMAN, Asst A-1 called and stated that aircraft from 47th Wing to PBS #6, to transport crews to Oran arrived at Naples. He stated that PBS #6 were slightly confused but would be ready to transport our crews, that have completed their missions, to Oran. Stated that it was the CG's desire that the crews be flown to Oran as it would be 60 more days before they could return to States from PBS #6.

4 Bombardiers from all Groups were ordered to Bari on 7 days TD, effective 23 July. Bombardiers must have less than 20 missions and will be groomed for lead positions.

8 Combat crews reported this date and were assigned as follows:
4 - 98th Bomb Group
4 - 376th Bomb Group.

27 more Combat crews are due in late 22 July 44.

A-2 SECTION

New list of 37 priority targets for pre-briefing study received from 15th Air Force and checked for forwarding to all Groups.

Letter to all Groups reporting 15th Air Force had requested a 1/10,000 scale of each airfield assigned to this Wing. Also requested 449th Bomb Gp to get mosaic of GIOIA. The mosaics are to reach this Headquarters by 10 August.



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A-3 SECTION

98th Bomb Gp had 2 aircraft on Range #2, dropped 7 bombs. 2 aircraft transition for 3 hours; 4 aircraft Navigational flights; 5 men on C-1 trainer, 5 hours total; 7 men code class, 1 hour each; 5 men on Norden, 5 hours; 15 men Gunnery 2½ hours each. New crew given indoctrination, 6 hours each.

21 July

Capt BASON appointed Air/Sea Rescue Officer.

Major NUGENT is still in the Hospital.

Lt ROSE visited 15th Air Force to get acquainted with planning of missions.

Letter out to all Groups directing that new Wing markings be painted on all aircraft.

Sperry and Honeywell representatives sent to 98th Bomb Gp to help in their Auto-Pilot maintenance problem.

Capt GRIMMER - no aircraft accidents were reported as to have occurred in this Wing.

A-4 SECTION ) Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Lt Col DOTY, Capt TERRY and 2 Linemen from the 331st Signal Co attended trial of the two (2) ITALIANS who were caught cutting telephone lines between this Headquarters and the 35th Field Hospital. The trial was held by the Italian Military Personnel at Lecce. The two Italians were found GUILTY as charged. One was given a sentence of 7 years and 8 months plus 2 years in an Instutition for the Insane after the completion of his seven (7) year sentence. The reason for this was because he claimed to be insane and not responsible for his actions, but this claim was not allowed by the court. To be sure he is sane the Court decided to impose the extra 2 years. The second Italian claimed that he helped because he was afraid of his insane brother. He received sentence of 1 month and 28 days. The defendents were defended by the best lawyer in Lecce. The charges were prepared by Mr. Murphy of the CIC who did a splendid job on the case.

ORDNANCE

Conference with Lt KING, Ord Officer of 450th Bomb Gp regarding the request of the Radar Unit servicing the 450th Group for additional vehicles.

HQ COMMANDANT

Repaired 1 break in the water line to Camp area and discovered another. These breaks are due to poor quality of pipe and their being so close to the surface of the ground. We hope to have all repairs made by noon of 22 July.

OTHER SECTIONS ) Routine duties. Page 2. End.....

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Thursday
20 July 44.

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Airdromes at GROTTAGLIE and SAN PANCRAZIO must be completed before the 1898th Engineer Battalion pulls out, otherwise we will be out of the "Bombing Business". Talked to Lt Col HARRIS, Hq 15th Air Force about this deplorable condition.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called stated that Officer personnel driving to ROME thru NAPLES would not be permitted to remain over night at the Rest Camp Hotel at Naples as the Hotel had 74 more Officers than they could handle. All Groups were notified.

Major BROWN will be down from Air Force for interview as a prospective Administrative Inspector. He has had experience as Asst A-3, Base S-4, Base Executive, and Base Administrative Inspector,

27 crews are arriving 0730 hours, 22 July at GIOIA for us. 2 go to Blida.

Air Force requested the total combat personnel by crew position and number of missions (last 6 months) that have been sent to U.S. on permanent change of station.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS and Capt ZUMETA inspected Italian bomb dump near Manduria airfield. Although considerable number of detonators and fuzes are present, they are under Italian guard, and it is not considered this situation represents an active sabotage hazard. Access probably could be had to our own bomb dump as to this one.

A-3 SECTION

Maj NUGENT still in hospital. Capt VON NOY went to CRATA.

450th Bomb Gp had 1 crash near Francavilla - was unable to locate. Reported 2 killed - 4 in hospital. Was reported by telephone call. There was 1 crash at 450th and 1 at 376th that was not reported by telephone - call the above were due to battle damage.

Lt WAHOLERS from 15th Air Force Navigation and Training Section visited today.

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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Col WARREN visited all Wing fields with Capt PEERSON, new Area Engineer. Outlined necessary work. Group Commanders accompanied. Major need seems to be to hold 1898th Engineer Bn within the Wing until they complete the present strips at 449th and 376th. Went to Taranto to see new Target Boat .... ship all patched up and ready to go but cannot be towed out for about 3 days because of other shipping priorities. Proposed sites for Gunnery Range (bomb ranges #1 and #9) are unsatisfactory.

Familiarization inspection of 450th and 98th Bomb Groups.

Col SLUMAN says to use 36 planes on all Priority targets.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )
SURGEON )
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CHEMICAL WARFARE ) Routine duties.
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HQ COMMANDANT )
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Wednesday
19 July 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Called Brig General ATKINSON on the Gunnery Range situation, stating that none of the 15th Air Force sites were suitable. I told him that we would select, some sites and get his Headquarters to secure them; also told him that we would not send out new crews until they had fired.

Capt PEARSON, Asst Area Engineer came over for an Airdrome inspection, with Lt Col WARREN and respective Group CO. As we must have our Airdromes in good shape, before all the Engineers (1898th Engineer Bn) pulls out. When they do leave, an Engineer platoon will be left at each Airdrome, but these Platoons have little equipment and only 2 Officers and 59 Enl Men.

Talked to Col WARNER about the Rest Camp again, he agreed again to send Capt BEACHCOMBER down today.

Talked to Col BENSON about "Doc" COGLAND, and he will let us know what the preliminary examination shows.

Col GRAY called in hopes of getting us to take Maj DENNIS off his hands and I told him "no soap"...

ADJUTANT

Staff meetings are still being held in the War Room immediately following the Daily News meeting. If the Section Head will be absent he should arrange for the next senior Officer of the Section to attend.

A-1 SECTION

PFF Combat personnel are now being assigned direct to Groups instead of 484th Bomb Group.

The combat personnel we have at Blida will still have to be carried by us. The Group will not show them on any reports except the weekly Statistical Report and the Monthly 127. They will show them as assigned but on DS to Blida for an indefinite period.

A-2 SECTION

S-2s and S-3s of 98th and 450th Groups, Lt Col WARREN, Lt Col APPOLD, and Maj LINDLEY participated in a conference called by Lt Col WARREN in A-2 Office to discuss Photographic procedure, PFF and Off-set methods of attack.

Lt Col THOMAS, Capt DODD and Lt WORKMAN to 15th AF Headquarters for conference called by Operational Analysis Section to standardize procedures on the scoring of bomb fall plots. Operations Analysis is to issue a statement of policy explaining the rules which it follows in preparing the ratings listed in "Straight and Level."

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A-3 SECTION

Lt Col APPOLD to Bari, Major NUGENT still in Hospital. Major MOSKER to Bari. Capt GRIMMER - Air Force accident officer was down and held meeting with all Group accident boards as to proper procedure in handling aircraft accidents investigations and filling out the Form 14.

Meeting held with all aircraft accident committees - Maj SULLIVAN of 15th Air Force outlined Col MAXWELL's wishes in accident reporting.

Bomb Range No. 1 not satisfactory for Gunnery Range. No. 9 being inspected from air by Lt Col APPOLD and from ground by Capt VON NOY.

Tactical and training inspection reports sent to all Groups.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )
SURGEON )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.
CHEMICAL WARFARE )
ARMAMENT )
INSPECTION )

HQ COMMANDANT

Visited 1st Bn, 366th Infantry. Conferred with CO regarding conduct and discipline of guards posted in Headquarters area.

Visited Lecce Transient Hotel. Conferred with Capt KINGSLOVER on supply problems and construction requirements. It is believed we now have a working arrangement.

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Tuesday
18 July 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Called Brig Gen ATKINSON about the Radar Reconnaissance flights, I asked him to give the Wing a list of targets to be photographed and let us do the planning, execution, etc... He okayed the idea.

Talked to Col R. K. TAYLOR about the Rest Camp and how it was agreed in the Conference last week to send Capt BEACHCOMBER down to advise Col HUSH, which he failed to do, because as BEACHCOMBER says it was a policy decision which only Col WARNER could handle. Anyway Col TAYLOR is sending the Captain back to accomplish his original mission. He will be down Thursday and will report to Col HUSH, Friday afternoon.

Talked to Major MILLER, Airdrome Engineer, Nadir, about the poor condition of our Airdromes, especially GROTTAGLIE and MANDURIA. Maj MILLER is relieved as of today and a Captain Marshall is taking his place. The Captain, Lt Col HARTWIG, and I will fly around to all Airdromes Thursday morning.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Lt Col CASSELL visited Enlisted Men's Rest Camp Hotel at Lecce. Improvements have been made but there is room for more. Capt KINGSLOVER stated that he is taking extra precautions against bugs, as yet he said that he has heard no complaints made by ~~the~~ anyone, other than the complaint made by the 450th Bomb Gp.

Received Personal letter from Col WARNER, A-1, 15th AF and stated that Classification Officers were on their way over and would be here shortly. Possibly 1 officer would be assigned to each Wing. Further that Classification teams were on their way over and that we must comply with the new AAF Manual 35-1 recently distributed. All 66-1, 66-2, and Form 20's are to be brought up-to-date immediately for inspection.....

Pathfinder Combat Crew personnel assigned to 484th Bomb Gp may be assigned to Groups under Wing Command. The identity of Pathfinder Operators will be maintained.

2 Pathfinder crews reported and were assigned to the 98th and 449th Groups.

Lt Col BARLOW, Asst A-1, 15th AF called and stated that Col WARNER did not want Combat Crews now on DS. 885th Squadron assigned to Wing and as we were authorized 96 Combat Crews it was easy for the Groups to absorb them.

2 Combat crews arrived and assigned to 98th Gp.



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A-2 SECTION ) Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

1 aircraft assigned to 98th Bomb Gp. 1 aircraft "Mickey" assigned to 450th Group.

Capt VON NOY to Gunnery Range.

Lt Col APPOLD to San Pan. Major NUGENT still in the Hospital.

Lt Col WARREN - Col MAXWELL advises that our Mobile Training Unit (now at 376th) will be transferred to another Wing. 450th had another minor Taxi accident. Capt GRIMMER investigated recent accidents at 450th - about 8 in last two months have not been reported.

Capt GRIMMER to 449th to investigate fatal crash of July 17th.

A-4 SECTION

Capt DAVIS procureed 18 sets of blisters for nose modification of B-24's. This will bring the Wing up to 8 aircraft per Group with the Bomb-Nav. nose modification.

Groups have submitted new OEL which they have been working on for the past few weeks; these with their suggested changes will be submitted to Air Force today.

SIGNAL

Mr. ROBBINS of Radio Signal Monitoring Service MAAF visited Wing Signal Officer and inspected monitoring radio sets of the 450th Bomb Group.

The new Radar Shop at the 450th Bomb Gp is now in operation. This shop will service H2X ships of the 449th and 450th Bomb Groups. The shop at the 376th will service ships of the 98th and 376th Bomb Groups.

SURGEON

Lt Col COGLAND was admitted to the 26th General Hospital, Bari, today.

Maj GAVIN, returned from Surgeons' meeting at Air Force where the subject of lunch for combat crews was taken up. Air Force promises to do something about this matter in the near future.

HQ COMMANDANT

Sent the first quota of Enlisted Men to visit Rome. Sections, let's get the schedules into the Orderly Room so these trips can be planned ahead.

Discharged 2 Italian civilian employees. If you notice any "gold-bricking" or have any complaint about their work, let this office know.

OTHER SECTIONS ) Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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Monday
17 July 44.

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Colcnel HUSH flew up to Rome for a 3 day visit.

Officers and Enlisted Men visiting Rome, A-1 should notify all Units to specify the Hotels in the orders at which the personnel are to stay.

No vehicles should be driven up to Rome, unless there is a definite parking area that is under an alert guard, as no part of a Jeep is safe, day or night.

Hq Commandant, nice going on the screens, but put a shock cord or something to close them.

Capt McFADDEN won 3rd place in the Broad Jump at Rome.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

A-1 of 5th Wing dropped in for a short visit. Discussed various A-1 problems. They have encountered the same troubles as we have.

Gunnery Officers from 450th, 376th, and 98th Bomb Groups who are being sent to U. S. on TD for 7 weeks have been ordered to Air Force for instructions.

A-2 SECTION

Drafted letter to all Groups citing need for further indoctrination of successful evaders on security as per Section 3, Circular 65, NATOUSA, The chief base censor has returned two letters written by Officers of the 449th Bomb Group describing their experiences.

Lt ROGERS, 449th Bomb Gp, called relative to data for proposed Group citation for the BUCHAREST raid of 4 April.

15th AF advises all Wing Photo Interpretation Officers to meet with Operations analysis section on Wednesday at Bari. A more standardized method of preparing bomb fall plots is expected to be discussed.

A-3 SECTION

Flight Section will send a ship to Rome every third day effective 18 July 44, for Officers and Enlisted Men.

Major NUGENT sick in hospital.

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A-3 SECTION Contd.

Capt GRIMMER contacted all Service Squadrons to obtain crash reports in effort to eliminate large number of accidents - close check on Group accidents.

Capt VON NOY to 62d Service Group on range business.

449th had accident - survivors are in Polish Hospital and have not been interviewed yet - 4 are injured and 1 dead.

Held meeting with Lt Col GIDEON and 450th Bomb Gp accident board and explained new accident investigation and flying safety campaign.

450th Bomb Gp had landing accident while shooting transition landings. Left main gear buckled and broke off. Aircraft suffered major damage probably requiring salvage. Cause is still undertermined but believed to be mechanical failure.

A-4 SECTION

Major MILLER and his Engineers will leave this area in a few days. Capt PEARSON will be the Area Engineer. He will have a Battalion of Italian laborers and a few utility personnel to keep the maintenance work going at each field. This switch was necessary by 15th Air Force as Engineers are needed in the North. It will be a tight squeeze to keep our runways in shape.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND and Maj GAVIN attended a Wing Surgeons meeting at Air Force today.

Maj NUGENT was hospitalized today with Sand fly fever. Col COGLAND espects to be hospitalized at the 26th General Hospital today for a check on his dysentary.

ORDNANCE

Advised all Units of this command to requisition motor vehicle tool shortage immediately as their is a supply available to meet all the needs of our Units.

Conference with Lt RING, 450th Bomb Gp on the improvement of vehicle maintenance in his Group.

HQ COMMANDANT

Conferred with Maj VAN BUSKIRK of 331st Service Sq on hiring and firing of Italian employees. Hired English speaking Bartender for Officers Club.

Enlisted Mens' Dance to be held in Manduria, Saturday evening 22 July 44. Sections are requested to arrange work schedules to permit maximum attendance.

OTHER SECTIONS ) Routine duties. Page 2 End.....

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Sunday
16 July 1944

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CHIEF OF STAFF

DS to Rome, Italy.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

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A-2 SECTION ) Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

B-25 loaned to 449th for a week, to scout formations.

Lt Col WARREN and Capt GRIMMER to 449th to outline desired program in accident reporting.

Lt Col MANZO of 98th instructed in above - he has a program underway.

Instructions sent to all Groups to cease 3 engine "go arounds" - tower operators to be informed never to order a plane which is making an emergency landing to go around again.

Major NUGENT - Held meeting of Group Bombardier and Lead Bombardier. Discussed new techniques and off-set bombing. Methods of attacks on particular targets. The values of bombing and column of boxes. Familiarization with combat bombing reports and analysis, inspections, ratings, etc...

Lt Col APPOLD - Held a critique on yesterday's Ploesti raid with Group Commanders, Radar Navigators and Bombardiers. Conducted Major CHRISTENSON and Major WEBSTER of the Army Air Force Training School, USA on a tour of our Radar set-up.

A-4 SECTION

One B-24 which the 98th Bomb Group has been unable to fly successfully has been transferred to Wing temporarily, Capt DAVIS and the Consolidated man will run some tests on it.

SIGNAL

Major WEBSTER and Major CHRISTENSON, Radar Officers from Langley Field visited Wing. Sat in on Col APPOLDS's meeting with Navigators and Bombardiers and lead Pilots who were on the mission of 15 July1944.



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Diary, 16 July 44.

SURGEON

Capt CONWAY who is now on DS to the 35th Field Hospital visited and discussed the arrangements at the Hospital.

Col COGLAND visited the 98th Bomb Gp to see how the new Group Surgeon was making out.

Col COGLAND and Maj GAVIN are attending a meeting at Air Force tomorrow for all Wing Surgeons.

ORDNANCE

Conference with Capt HOUGHTON regarding the future supply of Incendiary Bombs, M17, 500 lb. to bases of this command.

Checked on the report that the 450th Group has been receiving unserviceable .50 cal, machine gun parts from the 1647th Ordnance S&M Co. The Ordnance Company stated that the parts drawn from Depot No. 11 in that condition. Called Air Force and requested that a thorough check be made.

HQ COMMANDANT )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

* A-1 SECTION

On those 30 crews Col WARNER promised us yesterday..... Air Force informed us we would receive about 27 when they arrived and that we would have to give 2 of them to 885 Squadron at Blida on DS. They did not know when they would be in.

No more War-Weary Aircraft under control of Air Force. ATC handles this now from personnel in the Replacement Command, NATOUSA.

1053rd Military Police Co (Avn) will be assigned to us in the near future.

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DAILY DIARY

Saturday
15 July 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT.

Lt Simmons relieved from further duty as Squadron Engineering Officer and reassigned as officer courrier.

Lt Atwood relieved from further duty as Asst A-3, asgd to Hq Sq and detailed to duty as Squadron Engineering Officer.

A-1 SECTION

Our quota for Rome will be increased within the very near future to 31 officers an and 85 EM.

Col Warner, AF, stated that we would be assigned 30 crews on 16th.

Col Rush, after discussion with Col Warner of AF, stated that effective immediately combat units would not train ground personnel for combat duty as aerial gunners.

A-2 SECTION

Discussion with A-1 respecting materials necessary for unit citation.

Tp Major MacKamy, S-2, 450th Group, for report on progress of D.F.C. citation for Col Mills. He (Major MacKamy) reports that papers are being prepared.

A-3 SECTION

450th had nose wheel collaps prior to mission. Investigation indicates pilot was taxing at excessive speed because ship skidded 100 feet on nose with brakes on after collapse.

Lt Col Warren to 376th to outline desired accident program. All groups have been extremely lax in reporting accidents - 376th had 8 on ground in last month and reported but two. Explained regulations and reporting procedures to Lt Col Schmidt, Lt Col Fellows and accident officer.

New A-3 Duty Assignments, when Major Hester and Major Miller leave for USA follow:

A-3 - Lt Col Warren
PFF and Training - Lt Col Appold
Assistant Training - Capt Grimmer
Bombing - Major Nugent
Navigation - Maj Elliott, Lt Rose
Mission Planning - Maj Nosker
Aircraft Accidents - Capt Grimmer

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A-3 SECTION CONT'D

Personnel Equipment and Air Sea Rescue - Capt Bason
Gunnery and Ranges - Capt Von Noy
Administration - W/O Waller

Major Nosker - preliminary investigation of accident at Narrow. Damage was extensive to nose section when nose gear collapsed. Cause of accident still to be determined by investigation showed both engineer and pilot had poor conception of hydraulic system. It is believed that this lack of knowledge is one of the main contributing factors to the accident.

Lt Atwood transferred from A-3 to Hq Sq to be Engineering Officer.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )
ORDNANCE ) Routine Duties.
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

SURGEON

A new replacement was interviewed today who is being assigned to the 450th. He appears to have an acute anxiety. Maj Thorpe was contacted and informed of the mans condition.

A letter to the 98th was sent requesting an investigation on the lack of flak suits and helmets in a few battle casualties.

Maj Petterson visted this office and the physical and mental health of a number of men was discussed.

Capt Goldsmith visted today. He is of the Sanitary corps in NATOUSA and is inspecting the malaria situation in this area. So far there have been no new cases of malaria developed in this area.

Maj Nutthall visited this office.

HQ COMMANDANT

Visited 366th Infantry, 1st Bn, met their officers and discussed Hq Area Guard. There will be one post during daylight hours in front of the Flag Pole and two posts during hours of darkness. One post will be the perimeter of the rectangle formed by the Hq Buildings and the other the interior of the rectangle formed by the Hq buildings. Both posts during hours of darkness will have roving patrols rather than stationary sentinals.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Friday
14 July 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF ) Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Capt GRIMMER reported for duty and assigned to the A-3 Section.

Lt FERRIS reported for duty and assigned as Officer Courier.

A-1 SECTION

15th Air Force stated that 25 combat crews would be assigned to 47th Wing on or about 17 July.

Col WARNER, A-1, 15th AF, wanted a list of Ground Officers assigned to Groups with no duty assignments.

Major HEADRICK, 15th Air Force called and stated that he was conducting an investigation of Pathfinder Navigators to see why they were not promoted.

Pathfinder Navigators are assigned to 484th Bomb Group and placed on DS to Groups in this Wing. It is the responsibility of the Group Commander to initiate promotion papers on Officers and forward direct to CO, 484th Bomb Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Statement prepared and data compiled respecting SCHWECHAT attack for 26 June as basis of Unit citation for Wing. Discussed with A-1 as to proper employment of such material.

A-3 SECTION

Capt BASON inspected 376th Bomb Gp, Personal Equipment Sections.

Lt ATWOOD inspected all Groups on Flying Safety.

Lt Col APPOLD inspected 376th and 98th Bomb Groups on Training. General inspection of Radar at 376th. Had discussion with Capt HARTMAN and Mr. Davis on future disposition of Radar Section.

Maj MILLER went to Naples.

Major HESTER inspected 449th Bomb Groups' Bombing Sections.

Col SLUMAN, 15th Air Force will instruct Italian aircraft not to approach our aircraft.

Maj HESTERS' papers being prepared for return to USA.



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Diary, 14 July 44, Contd.

A-4 SECTION

Service Command will purchase a sufficient amount of civilian clothes for Photographs of combat crews per escape Bulletin #22.

Procured instrument trailer for Armament Section of Wing. Now in operation between Map storage and Office building.

SIGNAL

Visited 98th Bomb Group in the morning.

Drove down and looked over the BAF set up at Levarano. The runway has been improved and there are many Italian fighters on the field. A British truck convoy was just pulling in.

SURGEON

Inspection of the various Ice Cream plants requisitioned was made by the Group Surgeons and the results turned over to A-4.

Orders for Capt CONWAY of the 449th Bomb Group were made sending him to the Hospital for a period of two weeks commencing the 15th.

No Officers hospitalized.

ORDNANCE )
CHEMICAL WARFARE ) Routine duties.

HQ COMMANDANT

We are trying to locate and hire a civilian, English speaking, bartender for the Officer's Bar. This will relieve an enlisted man for other duties.

The Officers' Mail Box in the entrance by the Official Bulletin Board will be used effective today. Special Delivery and registered letters and packages will be delivered to the individual.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Issued 449th Bomb Groups some supplies and also gave them tickets for theshow, "This is the Army". Any Officer wanting a ticket to the show for the 47th Wing will come tothe Special Service and get same.

There is a new USO Camp Show coming to the Units of this Wing on the following dates at the time given:

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Diary, 14 July 44

SPECIAL SERVICE Contd.

| GROUP | DATE | | TIME | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35th Field Hospital | Monday | 17th July | 2:00 | |
| APOD - #11 | Monday | 17th July | | 8:30 PM |
| 62d Service Group | Tuesday | 18th July | 2:30 | 7:00 PM |
| 449th Bomb Group | Wed | 19th July | 3:00 | 7:00 PM |
| 450th Bomb Group | Thurs | 20th July | 2:30 | 8:30 PM |
| 376th Bomb Group | Friday | 21st July | 3:00 | 8:00 PM |
| 98th Bomb Group | Sat | 22nd July | | 7:30 PM |
| 60th Troop Carrier Gp | Sunday | 23rd July | | 6:30 PM |

WEATHER SECTION

Rotation was active in the Wing Weather Station yesterday, 14 July 44. Two of the stations oldest personnel, WO Keller, and S/Sgt Charlie Bearden, were the lucky ones. Both have been on active duty with the Wing since our move to Chateau Dun. At this time WO Keller was a M/Sgt and in charge of the Weather Station. While we were in Hammamet he was promoted to WO.

Mr Keller and Charlie started their over seas duty in England and after 25 months of Service over on this side they have been given this chance to return.

Captain HALL of the 12th Weather Squadron has taken over Mr Kellers duties.

End.....



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APO 520 US ARMY

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Thursday
13 July 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Mr. POLLORD factory Representative of Fairchild Camera Co. is visiting the 47th Wing, he and Lt GANDY (450th Bomb Gp)Wing photographic Officer will visit the Groups.

ADJUTANT

Numerous Officers of this Headquarters have been waiting until 5 minutes prior to departure to request orders for DS to Rest Camp, Rome, Naples, etc. Request for orders should be made prior to 1700 hours the day before departure and should indicate the approval of the appropriate Section Chief, the Commanding Officer, or Chief of Staff.

Captain DODD replacement Photo Interpreter reported for duty this date.

A-1 SECTION

Capt NEFFINGER transferred to 306th Wing.

2d Lt CALCHAN, Ordnance, is being assigned to Wing as of today.

Maj SULLIVAN, Air Force stated that insofar as promotions were concerned ours are Tops within the Air Force.

Capt BEACHCOMER, Air Force Rest Camp Officer, is to go to Santa Ceserea the 14th July and we requested that he drop in here on his way back. He stated he was ordered to report to Air Force and not in here upon completion of TD at the Rest Camp.....

A-2 SECTION

In accordance with instructions of Wing Commander, S-2 of 450th Bomb Group was directed to select an appropriate mission to use as a basis for a DFC for Col MILLS and to prepare a citation and narrative therefore.

Telephoned Col BARR, Deputy ACofS, A-2, 15th Air Force respecting prospective arrival of new P.I. officer. Col BARR informed me that he would arrive at Wing Headquarters today.

Capt DODD, P.I. Officer reported for duty.

Lt MARK, Photo Combat Unit, telephoned to report that he had received orders to dispatch one man on tomorrow's mission.



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A-3 SECTION

Capt VON NOY contacted Major DANIELS at G-2, Taranto, concerning clearing of civilians for New Gunnery Range located South of No. 3 bomb range.

Capt GRIMMER reported for duty in A-3 Section.

Col SLUMAN of 15th Air Force says our proposed aircraft markings are OK except checker board mark. If this is changed we can go ahead and paint.....

A-4 SECTION

Procured 2 sets of blisters for Nose modification, will give them to the 450th Bomb Group.

376th Bomb Group Nose modification is progressing satisfactorily on 2 aircraft. The depot has promised us 30 sets as fast as they can make them.

Procured a fully equipped instrument trailer which will be issued to the Radar people at San Pancrazio.

SIGNAL

Visited 450th Bomb Gp and secured permission from Colonel GIDEON to erect an H2X Beacon on top of large hanger. Maj VAN BUSKIRK, 331st Service Squadron will start construction within the next few days on the tower needed.

Major HOWE, British Signal Officer with Air Formation Signals visited Wing Signal Officer in connection with new telephone circuits for the Balkan Air Force.

SURGEON

A check was made on the Ice Cream plants requisitioned by the Service Center. Much will be needed before they will be sanitarily acceptable.

Called Major HALL today to see how he is making out as the new Group Surgeon at the 98th Bomb Group.

Capt D'ARATA, 909th ABS Bn, Surgeon called about spraying of DDT for his units. He was referred to the Service Group. ...

ORDNANCE

The Ordnance Mobile Display Unit will be at the 450th Bomb Group 14 July 1944.



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Diary, 13 July 44, Contd.

INSPECTION )
CHEMICAL WARFARE ( Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Issued equipment to 366th Infantry. Also sent in request for some other supplies they needed which we did not have.

Called the 15th Air Force and Stars & Stripes again to try and arrange to get the papers on the same day they are issued. The papers are sent over by truck to Bari and they do not arrive in time to get them out to the Airport in time to catch the plane courier. We will attempt to make other arrangements.

The Stage Show, "This is the Army", will be in Bari on July 17th, Monday, on through to the 25th July. It is impossible to get this Show in this Area. Anyone wanting a ticket to this show will please contact Special Service Officer "Capt MAC FADDEN", for same. You will have to state the day you wish to go on.

Called 98th Bomb Group 4 times trying to get Movie Film back to 376th Bomb Group that the courier left there by mistake. This has happened 5 other times so we asked Message Center to see that the driver checked the films closer.

Lt Col CASSELL helped Capt McFADDEN to set up a new type of books for PX.

HQ COMMANDANT

Released one (1) Motorcycle to Rest Camp on temporary loan. Sending Bus to Lecce tomorrow for 3rd echelon repair.

Civilian Tailor in Squadr n area will handle all wet laundry. This will release one (1) basic enlisted man for other duties.

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12 July 1944
Wednesday

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col HARTWIG, Lt Col CASSELL, Major WALTERS, and I flew up to Bari for a meeting with Col MAXWELL, and Col WARNER on the Santa Ceserea Rest Camp. If the 15th Air Force takes over the Rest Camp, the following advantages will be derived by the 47th Wing:

a. The legal aspect will be cleared.

b. 15th Air Force will then be conforming with NATOUSA Circular on ~~and~~ Rest Camps'.

c. Our allotments to other Rest Camps will be increased.

d. Santa Ceseara will then be put on the 15th Air Force extra ration, liquor, food, etc. list, which they will not do while it is under our Headquarters.

e. We will be relieved of a damn big headache....

Capt BEACHCOMBER is coming down today, to inspect Santa Ceserea, then he is coming here to discuss it with Colonel RUSH.

I'd say let's let it go, for we have everything to gain and nothing to lose. If they don't run it right, we can always take it back.

Colonel R. K. TAYLOR, CofS, 15th Air Force says that he will not do anything until he gets Colonel RUSH's say, one way or the other.

Talked to General ATKINSON about:

a. Flying personnel to Rome; he is going to take it up with MAAF, as he also believes that it will save injuries, time and transportation.

b. The combat crews that spent 6 weeks in North Africa, enroute to 15TH AF

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Lt Col CASSELL attended conference at Air Force today.

Air Force stated that there would be 84 crews in the Theater within about 2 weeks. Promised us a goodly portion of them.

4 PFF crews arrived and assigned as follows:
2 - 98th Bomb Group.
1 - 449th Bomb Group.
1 - 376th Bomb Group.



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Diary, 12 July 44, Contd.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Teletype and Operations Memorandum sent to all Groups directing that Group Commanders render an immediate telephone report on all aircraft accidents.

An inspection of the 450th and 449th Group Navigation Sections was made by Major ELLIOTT and Lt ROSE respectively.

2 Mickey ships assigned:
1 - 449th Bomb Group
1 - 450th Bomb Group.

Major NOSKER and Major NUGENT reported for duty with A-3 Section.

Gunnery Range temporarily closed until further notice from Air Force.

Lt HART reported to Inspection Section for duty.

Lt ATWOOD to 450th Bomb Group to investigate aircraft accident.

A-4 SECTION

Visited 15th Air Force with Col KYLE, Lt Col CASSELL, and Maj WALTERS. A conference was held on the Rest Camp with Col MAXWELL and Col WARNER. Looks like 15th Air Force will take it over.

7 Ice Cream plants have been ~~rigged~~ requisitioned by the Service Center. The Doc's will make an Inspection and then we will allocate same.

SIGNAL

Lt AMEND and Lt CAPENING and 4 Enlisted Men from AAF/MTO Hq are making and Inspection of all Wing, Group, and Squadron Communication equipment, maintenance, records, and personnel. Inspection is expected to take about 10 days.

Arrangements were made with Capt BEVERLEY of the 62d Service Group to secure all Radar Equipment from salvage aircraft direct from the field rather than have the Service Unit remove the equipment and send it to the Depot. The removal of this special equipment will be handled by the Wing Radar Unit on the field.

ORDNANCE )
INSPECTION )
CHEMICAL WARFARE )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.
SURGEON )



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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

An alphabetically arranged Mail Box will be set-up in the entrance beside the Official Headquarters Bulletin Board. Incoming mail will be placed in this distribution box for the Officers to pick up. Packages and registered mail will be distributed personally to Officers concerned.

Officers who have occasion to come in contact with civilian employees are urged to consider them more as employees with a job to do and treat them as such.

This office will welcome and consider any suggestions or criticisms which tend to improve the present set-up..

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Tuesday
11 July 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Called Col WARNER, A-1, 15th Air Force about a conference with him Wednesday about the Santa Ceserea Rest Camp. Lt Col HARTWIG, Lt Col CASSELL, Major WALTERS, and I will fly up.

Beginning Thursday, July 13th, there will be a staff meeting everyday just after the news presentation. All heads of Staff Sections will be present, if they are absent the next senior Officer will represent them.

Chaplain MAYFIELD (Captain), 62d Service Group has asked me for the Wing Chaplains job. What is your reaction to a Chaplain, thereby relieving "Doc" Cogland of his Spiritual worries also "Parson" McFadden is over worked along those lines.

ADJUTANT )
A-1 SECTION ) Routine duties.
A-2 SECTION )
A-3 SECTION

4 "Mickey" ships assigned as follows:
1 - 98th Bomb Gp
1 - 376th Bomb Gp
1 - 449th Bomb Gp
1 - 450th Bomb Gp.

Captain VON NOY to Gunnery Range.

Major MILLER and Major HESTER to 449th Bomb Group on Inspection tour.

Capt BASON inspected 449th Air Sea Rescue Sections.

Air Force says MAAF disapproved use of fields in vicinity of ROME for ships bringing personnel into Rome Rest Camps. Only 2 engine planes can land there.

450th Bomb Group instructed to construct a wind tee for field.

Lt Col APPOLD to Rome overnight.

A-4 SECTION

Transferred B-24D #41-23768, to 15th Air Force as non-operational aircraft, to be used by personnel returning to the Zone of Interior.

Whiskey which we have been anticipating for 2 months is on USG 47, due in this week.

Oxygen:;- as of yesterday for Air Force:



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Diary, Tues. 11 July 44.

A-4 SECTION (Contd)

No of full bottles on hand..... 6770
No of bottles produced..... 1454
No of bottles issued..... 1213

The supply is critical and we are hanging on the edge. Consumption in this Wing is approximately 26 bottles per sortie. Air Force states that they are trying to procure booster pumps which will help.

Modification of Nose on B-24's:

376th Bomb Group started modifying 2 aircraft today, other Groups, 98th and 450th Bomb Groups are ready as soon as blisters can be procured. Air Force Service Command is trying to get some.

SIGNAL )
INSPECTION ) Routine duties.
CHEMICAL WARFARE )
SPECIAL SERVICE )

SURGEON

Capt NEFFINGER and Capt MC FADDEN returned to duty today.

ORDNANCE

Ordnance Mobile Display Unit will be at the 449th Bomb Group on Thursday, 13 July 44.

Have secured another British Bomb Disposal Booklet which will be bucked to all of the Groups of this Command.

Headquarters COMMANDANT

We now have 18 Jeep inner-tubes turned in for salvage with no replacements in sight. Inspection of a major portion of these tubes reveals that they could have been saved if common sense and proper precautions had been applied when the tire went flat. In the future a Report of Survey or a Statement of Charges will be filed in cases of obvious carelessness.

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Monday
lo July 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

10 combat crews reported in and were assigned as follows;
2 - 98th Bomb Group
4 - 376th Bomb Group
4 - 449th Bomb Group.
This will bring the Groups to an average of 55.3 per.

Contacted Air Force reference to combat crews and they state that 47 more crews were due in on this shipment and as yet they have not heard from them. Also that a shipment of combat crews, by boat, left the States during the early part of July.

Combat crews that arrived this date were enroute 2 months. Stated that they were in Africa for 6 weeks. Looks as though it would be a good idea for the 15th Air Force to keep a Liaison Officer in Africa to take care of our Combat crews.

A-2 SECTION

Conference with all Group Flak Officers on ways and means of improving methods of getting flak data to combat crews resulted in the following decisions:

a. Daily route flak map willbe mimeographed at this Hq and distributed with each Intelligence annex. All Groups asked for this.

b. A map showing flak defended areas throughout our Zone of Operations will be prepared at this Hq at least monthly and distributed to Groups as a check on the information which they have posted in their briefing rooms.

c. The Group Intelligence Officers will work with Staff navigators on a program designed to have each Navigator mark defended flak positions on the Navigation maps to be used on the mission.

Conference of all Group Historians, at which lst Lt WALLACE TAYLOR, Asst Historian, 15th Air Force, outlined new plans for simplifying the preparation of unit histories.

ACofS, A-2, 15th Air Force, reported that a Capt DODD is being furnished the Wing as replacement for Capt KEEBLE.



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DAILY DIARY, 10 July 44.

A-3 SECTION

Meeting was held on Pathfinder Tactics in War Room. Major HEADRICK, 15th Air Force, Patfinder Section was present. Group Navigators attended.

47th Wing is getting 2 more Pathfinder Ships.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )
ORDNAN CE ) Routine duties.
CHEMICAL WARFARE )
ARMAMENT )
INSPECTION )

SURGEON

Captain Mcfadden and Capt Neffinger are in the Hospital.

SPECIAL SERVICE

The USO Show "Over 21" featuring Erin O'Brien-Moore, which includes 4 men, 3 women, and 1 Officer, arrived Sunday by plane.

Here is the schedule for this week:

| Date | Place | Time |
|---|---|---|
| Monday, July 10 | 376th Bomb Group | 3:00 and 8:00 PM. |
| Tuesday, July 11 | 62d Service Group | 8:00PM |
| Wed. July 12 | 98th BombGroup | 7:30 PM. |
| Thurs. July 13 | 450th Bomb Group | 2:30 7:30 PM. |
| Friday July 14 | Off Day. | |
| Sat. July 15 | 449th Bomb Group | 8:00 PM. |

End.....



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APO 520 US ARMY

Sunday
9 July 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

All Officers and Enlisted Men from this Headquarters going to Rome, will travel by Air. Not more than four (4) Officers will go at a time. A-3, will arrange a flight schedule where by four (4) Officers and Enlisted Men are flown-up and those up there will come back in the same aircraft. All personnel will be limited to 3 nights in Rome.

Some of the Officers and Enlisted Men of this Headquarters are becoming very lax in their dress and also in saluting. All of our Groups are much better soldiers than we are. Enlisted Men will not go around without shirts, when wearing breeches. Captain PAGANO and Captain BURRIS be sure that all of your Officers and Enlisted Men get this information immediately.

ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Four crews with B-24 G's reported to Wing for assignment as follows:
2 - 376th Bomb Group
2 - 450th Bomb Group.

Requested policy from Air Force regarding promoting Second Lieutenants, formerly Flight Officers, to 1st Lieutenants, before returning to Zone of Interior after completing their missions. The Air Force stated that they should be in grade of 2d Lt at least one (1) month before their application would be processed.

10 crews due from Gioa has not shown up. Expect them in Monday.

A-3 SECTION

Major NOSKER and Major NUGENT of 449th Bomb Gp are to be assigned to Wing A-3 Section. Lt GRIMMER of 376th Bomb Gp has been requested also.

Lt HART of A-3 to be transferred to Inspection Section.

Major ELLIOTT and Major HESTER to 98th Bomb Group on inspection tour.

4 aircraft assigned as follows:
2 - 376th Bomb Group.
2 - 450th Bomb Group.

OTHER SECTIONS Routine duties.

SURGEON

Capt HALL was sent to the 98th Bomb Group as Surgeon today.

Capt NEFFINGER is in the Hospital with possible jaundice.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Sent man to Bari to pay for Stars & Stripes and Yanks. End.....



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Saturday
8 July 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT )  Routine Duties

A-1 SECTION

5 crews reported and were assigned as follows: 5 - 450th Bomb Gp.

Yesterday and today we had a total 10 crews and 2 mickey crews. As yet the big shipment of crews has not landed in Italy. Air Force states that it will be shortly and we will receive priority.

A-2 SECTION

Advised groups a conference of group historian will be held at Wing Headquarters at 0930 hours Monday. The Asst Air Force Historian will be present to explain plans to simplify thepreparation of unit histories.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col Warren to 15th AF, July 7th, obtained approval to modify 4 nose sections per group.

450th Group has been given permission to use Wing's B-25 in the morning to scout formations.

Lt Col Warren to 98th to visit all squadron operations. Outlined desired training program to Group Deputy and S-3.

Major Miller made Tactical Inspection of 376th Group

Major Hickey inspection of 376th Group.

ORDNANCE

Inspected the 376th Bomb Gp Ordnance Armament Shops.

Informed the 98th Bomb Gp that the Mobile Display Unit will be at their base tomorrow.

ADJUTANT

Lt Simmons to inventory effects of Capt Keeble and investigate the circumstances surrounding his death. If any officers of this Headquarters were indebted to Capt Keeble or have any of his personnel property in their possession it should be turned over to Lt Simmons.

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Friday
7 July 1944.

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Talked to Brig General ATKINSON in reference to a B-24 modification which greatly improves the Bombardier - Navigators vision. I told him that Col WARREN would bring the plan up and show it to him.

A-4 Section: Contact all Groups, and Service Groups, and Service Squadrons on this modification immediately, and let's get this work under way now, as this is the biggest improvement the B-24 has had since the nose-turret was installed.

Col GRAY called about the shortage of combat crews (A-1 what is the latest dope).

There is an acute shortage of Oxygen, Major [illegible], 51st Air Depot Group called and asked that all Tactical Groups drain the Oxygen bottles to 100. A-4 Section get busy on this, because we cannot fly without oxygen.

Lt Colonel GIDEON appointed Group Commander of the 450th Bomb Group vice Colonel MILLS, who has been assigned to MAAF per 15th A.F. SO# 190, [illegible] par 5

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Reported Lt Col PRICE, 450th Bomb Gp and Capt FOREST for Command & General Staff School. Air Force was only allotted 1 officer.

2 mickey crews were received and assigned as follows:
1 - 98th Bomb Group
1 - 450th Bomb Group.

5 crews with planes reported in and assigned as follows:
2 - 98th Bomb Group
2 - 376th Bomb Group
1 - 449th Bomb Group.

A-2 SECTION

Names of Maj LINDLEY and Capt WHITE submitted to A-1 for forwarding to Air Force in response to the request for Officers qualified for assignment to the contract renegotiation office.

Telephoned Col GRAY explaining the reasons why the Bombs which fell short in the water at TOULON were charged to the 98th Bomb Group. He had protested they were not his.

A-3 SECTION

7 replacement aircraft assigned as indicated:
3 - 98th Bomb Group (1 mickey)
2 - 376th Bomb Group
1 - 449th Bomb Group
1 - 450th Bomb Group (1 mickey).

ORDNANCE

Accompanied Capt WILTH, A-2, to Grottaglie to check on the progress made in delousing an Italian ammunition dump.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING /so
DAILY DIARY APO 520 US ARMY Thursday
6 July 44.

CHIEF OF STAFF

The newly opened Red Cross Club, Officers and Enlisted Men, in Manduria is very, very nice, everyone in this headquarters should drop by to see it, it is located just beyond Col HILLS' quarters on the Manduria - San Pancrazio Highway, it is a big Castle like building on the right side of the street.

There is something wrong in our Red Cross setup. The Red Cross girls and doughnuts are a tremendous morale-factor, especially to Combat crews returning from hard missions. I wish that every Officer in this Headquarters, would talk to the Groups and let's see if we can improve our Red Cross program so that every Squadron is met, instead of the few that we now serve. We may have to get more girls. The 450th Bomb Group is the only Group, in which all Squadrons are served completely by the Girls after each mission. It's your problem, because this is your Wing.

The daily News Summary will be at 1310 hours everyday, except Tuesdays when it will be at 1320 hours. Every Officer should attend these meetings, as they are considered an "Official Officers Call".

A-1 SECTION

Received 7 crews. Assigned 6 - 450th Bomb Group.
1 - 376th Bomb Group.

Air Force requested 2 crews for War-Weary aircraft:
1 - 98th Bomb Group.
1 - 376th Bomb Group.

Requested 304th Wing if they would accept S/Sgt Dean, 376th Bomb Group, per Air Force orders. Will know tomorrow.

Very Heavy Bomb Cadre (6 Enl Men each from 98th and 376th to leave for U. S. on the 10th July.

Ground rotation list in. 3 Officers and 31 Enlisted Men. They leave on the 8th July.

ADJUTANT )
A-2 SECTION )
Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

6 Aircraft assigned as follows:
3 - 98th Bomb Group.
1 - 376th Bomb Group.
1 - 449th Bomb Group.
1 - 450th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION
Routine duties.



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Diary, Thurs 6 July 44.

SIGNAL

Air Force advises us that they are sending us an H2X Beacon to be used with Wing H2X Ships for Homing. This Beacon has a range of 215 miles. The field location will be decided later.

We have installed in the 450th Bomb Group, two (2) radar monitoring radio sets. These sets are used to check for Gun laying and search radar frequencies used by the Enemy. They have proven very useful and it has been discovered by their use that the Enemy has changed frequencies on his ground radar sets in the past week. By means of this check we change our Carpet sets to jam his radar.

Air Force advises that they will install fourteen (14) more Carpet sets in the 450th Bomb Group. We now have only twenty nine (29) sets and these new installations will bring the total installed to 43 sets.

ORDNANCE

Capt RANDEL, Air Force, lectured on German and American ammunition last night to the enlisted personnel of the 47th Hq Sq and 351st Signal Company. He is on a tour of the Groups in this Wing.

Contacted the Ordnance Officer of the 62d Service Group regarding Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum 134-28, " Preventive Maintenance and Inspection". The Memorandum directs that periodic inspection of vehicles be made by Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Company.

CHAIN SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Wednesday
5 July 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col HILLS, Col GRAFF, and I drove down to Lecce, where we contacted Mr. Judia (Italian on ACC) in reference to a Villa for the 376th Bomb Group down near their beach. Mr Judia agreed to turn it over after much argument. 62d Service Group will handle the requisition.

Everyone who hasn't a date for Saturday Night (July 8th) Dance please contact Captain "JUNIOR" Houghton for a date. "Our Red Cross girls should be dated up for the Dance".

Now that the Santa Ceserea Rest Camp has been assigned to the 47th Wing. Every effort must be made, by everyone in the Wing to make this the best Rest Camp in the Army Air Forces, so any one with a good idea or suggestion which will improve the present set-up, bring them in.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Combat Crew personnel returning to U.S. on DS are to be ready to leave on or before the 10th.

Request mutual transfer with 5th Wing for S/Sgt Dean, 376th Bomb G per Air Forces' orders.

Very Heavy Bomb Cadre for September must be at 19th Replacement Pool before the 10th July This the 2nd Cadre we have furnished for the Very Heavy Bombers.

Air Force wants more Officers for the "Termination Contractors, Legal Officers, etc."...

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col J. S. HOLLOWAY, Asst ACofS, A-2, MAF/MTO, and Capt MAX [redacted] visited to discuss counter intelligence matters in this Command. They will visit briefly at each Group, although the main purpose of the trip is a conference with CIC Agents at Lecce.

Furnished information to all Groups concerning new "safe" areas in Enemy occupied territory.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Arrangements have been made for the USO Show, "Over 21", to be here from 9 July through to the 10th. A schedule will be posted at a later date.

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Tuesday
4 July 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

One crew assigned to 376th Bomb Group.

A-2 SECTION ) Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARDEN, Major NESTAL, Lt Col APPOLD went to Air Force.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )
INSPECTION ) Routine duties.

SURGEON

Captain McFADDEN still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

A meeting of the Group Ordnance Officers was held and various policies were taken under consideration and discussion.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

MESS and BAR

Contacted the Quartermaster in Manduria, and secured sufficient extra items to assure the success of Saturday evenings party from the standpoint of a gourmet.

Am following up the "Dancing Pardner" situation and believe that Officers knowing personally any Nurse at the 35th Field Hospital, should call her and ask if she would like to attend. Seems as though our "impersonal" attitude on inviting the Nurses, doesn't register with them.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Sent to Bari to pick up Yanks and to pay for Stars & Stripes.

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Monday
3 July 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

General TWINING called to say that we would keep the Rest Camp for the time being.

Called Colonel R. K. TAYLOR about Major LINDLEY and Major NORTON, 376th Bomb Group, in reference to their return to the USA as Contract Lawyers in Headquarters Army Air Forces.

ADJUTANT

Lt Col GRAFF promoted to grade of Colonel, 27 June 1944.

Captain DAVIS, 449th Bomb Group transferred to Headquarters and detailed to duty as Assistant A-4.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force requested names of Officers who were experienced in legal matters, contracts, negotiation, executive experience in conjunction with above, etc... furnished names of 3 Officers for legal officers, 1 for negotiator terminator and 1 for property disposal officer. Requested Air Force to give preferance to the first two legal officers. If chosen, these officers will return to Washington, D.C. for further instructions.

10 crews arrived and assigned as follows:

8 - 376th Bomb Gp
2 - 450th Bomb Gp.

Rome-Littoria Airdrome will be used on our Rest Camp trips to Rome.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

3 aircraft assigned to 376th Bomb Gp.
2 aircraft assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.
INSPECTION )

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SURGEON

Col COGLAND inspected the 450th Bomb Group and found things very satisfactory.

In conjunction with the Surgeon of the 450th Bomb Group, Col COGLAND inspected the trash dump by units of this immediate area and found it in poor condition. A complaint had been received from the British. A letter was sent to the Commanding Officer of the 450th Bomb Gp recommending means of improvement.

ORDNANCE

Attended meeting of all Wing Ordnance Officers in Col BOTHWELL's office, Fifteenth Air Force.

Secure the Mobile Display Unit for this Wing.

All of the 250 and 300 lb GP Bombs will be withdrawn from our bases.

All Groups will shortly have B-17 shackles in use.

Lt MATHEWS, Inspector's Officer reported the condition of Frag bombs at 449th Bomb Group. Contacted service group and requested that the situation be remedied.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

BAR AND CLUB

Have sent out invitations to all the Nurses at the 35th Field Hospital, so now it is suggested that a personal "follow up" be carried out by Officers who wish to escort a member of that Unit, to the Dance next Sat.

Col WILSON advises from MEDCAP, that he is issuing the invitations which he has, thirty in number, to various Italian girls in Lecce, and that on Saturday evening if we have the Wing's bus at the Red Cross, there will be thirty Signorinas waiting for the transportation.

Am contacting the 62d Service Command on 4 July to try and increase our available food supply of extras for the night of the Party. Present plans call for a buffett type dinner, with ample amounts of all food stuffs. It is hoped that all Officers will try and escort a guest for this Party, let's make it a success!

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

End.....



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Sunday
2 July 44.

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-2 SECTION

Prepared quarterly report on Intelligence Training and personnel for submission to 15th Air Force.

A-3 SECTION )
A-4 SECTION ) Routine duties.
SIGNAL )
AVIATION )

SURGEON

Col COGLAND with Lt Col PEARSON inspected the 98th Bomb Gp and discussed replacement for the Group Surgeon.

Capt McFADDEN is in the Hospital.

ORDNANCE )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.
INSPECTION )
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

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Saturday
1 July 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Talked to Col WARNER, A-1, 15th Air Force about:

a. Combat crews, he says that he is attending a conference Sunday at AAF/MTO with General Bevans, Col (Pinkie) Wetzel of Hq AAF and will let me know the outcome. 30 Combat crews due in very soon and the B-24 crews will be divided between 47th and 304th Wings.

b. Assignment of Capt C. H. BURNS (Asst Co S of 15th Air Force) to the 47th Wing and Col W. it might be possible in a short time.

c. Rest Camp at Santa Coserea. Col Warner says that the 15th Air Force is taking it over July 10th. I strenously argued against this move, but didn't get far.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force requested that we inform 98th and 376th Bomb Gp that they are sending in too many requests for Awards and Decorations. Air Force that the greater percentage do not merit any consideration yet they have to have Board action on them, resulting in time lost for everyone. Air Force requests that more attention be placed on acts which do merit awards rather than to "Let's give Joe a Medal"..

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

ARMAMENT

Routine duties.



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SURGEON

Major NUTTALL visited Col COGLAND to discuss placing of Medical Personnel.

Investigation shows that some crews are not wearing flak suits and helmets. Letters were sent to the 98th and 450th Bomb Groups, asking for an investigation on cases where injuries have occurred.

Capt McFADDEN was hospitalized today.

ORDNANCE )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.
INSPECTION )

CHEMICAL WARFARE

The following constitute the special activities of the Wing Chemical Officer for July 1st.

a. Defense Day was held, with satisfactory results. Officers and men carried masks and equipment and when the Gas Alarm sounded, masks were promptly employed.

b. Invitations for next Saturdays' Dance, are available at the CWS office, and Officers wishing invitations may obtain them at that point.

c. Improvement in storage facilities of liquor at the Officers Bar, has been accomplished by the placing of a door at the store room entrance. We have been trying to accomplish this ever since the bar opened. A request to Capt BURNS, brought immediate results.

d. The furniture situation is apparently held up because on inability to contact the Italian who is making the furniture for us in Naples. Lt HUNT has made two trips trying to secure an invoice on this expected furniture, but has not been able to contact the individual as yet. It is hoped that the furniture will be available for the party on the night of the 8th July.

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DAILY DIARY

30 June 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties

ADJUTANT

Capt DICKMAN, Base Weather Officer, replacement for Mr KELLER reported for duty.

Lt BRYAN, hq Sq Adjutant reported for duty.

A-1 SECTION

Two crews assigned to 98th Group

AF tells us that we will shortly receive a large quota for Rome for Officers and EM.

No 2nd Lt's (Combat) will be returned to US unless the unit CO signs a statement that he does not desire to promote them and reasons therefore. No combat personnel will be rotated whose promotions are pending.

A-2 SECTION

Commendation prepared for two EM of 449th Gp who arrested a suspected saboteur who has since been interned for the duration.

A-3 SECTION

Teletype sent to all groups for Group CO to see that lead pilots are properly instructed in rendezvous areas. Recently 376th has repeatedly interfered with 450th rendy.

Capt Von Noy reported for duty as Wing Gunnery Officer.

A-3 Section to start monthly tactical inspection. This will be completed by 15 July.

Major Hester made tactical inspection of the 512th and 514th Squadrons, 376th Gp.

ORDNANCE

Called to the attention of the Service Group and the 376th Bomb Gp Ordnance Officer to Memo 134-17, 15th AF for compliance.

Checked with AF as to the availability of tire tubes. Advised that there are none available in this theatre although a shipment is expected shortly.

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SIGNAL

Col D'Armond and Col Lingard, Signal Officers from 15th AF and Col Sullivan, Signals Officer from 8th AF visited Wing Signals Office. A meeting was held with all Group Communication Officers and Wing Radar Officer attending. Col Sullivan reveled many interesting bits of information which were very helpfull on methods used in the 8th AF. The one of most interest was the fact that the 8th AF and 9th AF and also the R.A.F. have given up the use of I.F.F. as it was discovered that the enemy was using the set to home in on aircraft.

The 331st Signal Company line gang caught two (2) Italians cutting our telephone lines to the 35th Field Hospital. These lines have been cut many times in the past and the linemen were part of a patrol placed to catch the sabateurs. These Italians were turned over to the C.I.C. for questioning. CIC will report later developments on the case.

SPECIAL SERVICE

French Show coming to this Headquarters.

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| 449th Bomb Gp | Monday, 3 July | 3:30 | 7:30 |
| 62nd Serv Gp | Tuesday, 4 July | 3:30 | 7:30 |
| 35th Field Hosp | Wednesday, 5 July | | 7:30 |
| 450th Bomb Gp | Thursday, 6 July | | 8:30 |
| 376th Bomb Gp | Friday, 7 July | 3:30 | 8:30 |
| 98th Bomb Gp | Saturday, 8 July | | 7:30 |

Sent to Bari to pick up USO show to play at the 35th Field Hosp. (A) and 35th Field Hosp. (B) Sunday 1 July 1944.

We are now starting a Wing Softball league and the winner will represent the Wing in the 15th Air Force league in Bari.

We now have a library in the Special Service Office and books may be had for Five days at a time.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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Thursday
29 June 44.

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

3 combat crews arrived and were assigned to 450th Bomb Group.

Capt FORREST inspected Forms 127 and checked on Service Records at the 376th and 98th Bomb Groups. Said the 376th Bomb Group was in good shape but more hard work was necessary for the 98th Bomb Group.

Notified all organizations of Wings that all soldiers making application for West Point would report with their application to Capt [redacted], Asst A-1, 15th Air Force at 0830 hours, 1 July 1944.

A-2 SECTION

Letter to all Group Commanders, Attention S-2, calling attention to shortcomings in escape briefings revealed by Interrogation at Air Force headquarters of 70 combat crewmen from this Wing who were returned from enemy controlled territory in May. Also called attention of S-2's to the material on "Living of the Land" which appeared in a recent Air Ministry Intelligence Summary. Combat crews will be briefed on this information.

A-3 SECTION

Future A-3 target plans will specify IP and aiming points for alternate targets.

15th Air Force advises that a Capt VON ROY is being assigned to the Wing as a Gunnery Officer.

Col HILLS called regarding Gunnery off range. Air Force has directed he investigate check showed that some Wing ships may have been among the offenders. Phoned all Groups and request Group CO's give personal attention to fire control discipline on range.

Lt ROSE to 449th Bomb Gp on inspection tour.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

End.....



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APO 520 US ARMY

Wednesday
28 June 44

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Visited Headquarters 15th Air Force, the following points were discussed:

a. None visits.

1. There will be an increase in the number of Officers and Enlisted Men permitted to go there.

2. Flying up there is permissable.

3. A "Tie" must be worn while visiting there.

b. There will be a shortage of combat crews for awhile.

c. Talked to Col WARNER about the Rest Camp, told him that we had taken it over completely, he is coming down in about two weeks.

Meeting at 450th Bomb Gp of the Service and Combat personnel from 376th, 449th, 450th. 62d Service Gp, and Hq 47th Wing. Col [redacted], Hq 15th Air Force, Col SKOUSE, 49th Wing, a Lt Col (name not remembered) 304th Wing, also a Lt Colonel from 306th Wing. Colonels MILLS, GRAFF, and GENT present. Many points and questions were brought up, and a good majority answered. There were a great many A-1 problems discussed. Headquarters 47th Wing got a couple of unjusted slaps by Col MAXWELL, who was misinformed, I called him this morning on the incorrectness of them and he apologized profusely.

I had lunch with Major HUGHES, CO 51st Air Depot Group.

Inspected the 450th Bomb Gp after lunch:

a. Headquarters in fair shape.

b. Barracks were dingy, dusty, and very depressing, both Officer's and Enlisted Men's.

c. All Squadron kitchens, mess halls, day rooms, orderly rooms, and Officer's Clubs were in exceptionly good shape, in fact there was little or no room for improvement.

d. The tents, huts, etc.. of both Enlisted Men and Officers were in excellent shape.

e. The grounds of the 720th and 723d Bomb Squadrons were very, very neat and well kept. All latrines were excellent, in fact they lead the League in Latrines....



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ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Lt Col MARSHALL, 62d Service Co requested to take necessary action to prevent his Truck Drivers from making derogatory remarks concerning the 450th Bomb Group. Particularly the truck driver who delivered a crew to the 450th today. This driver was telling the crew of losses, etc.. that had occurred within the past few days.

9 Gunners received and assigned to 376th Bomb Group.

Air Force informed us that a Lt MINOR and 14 Enlisted Men with a Mobile R-24 Training unit would arrive today. They are newly arrived from 8th Air Force. They will be on TD with us for a short period. Informed A-3 of this.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND is in quarters.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

End.....



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Tuesday
27 June 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF }
ADJUTANT }
Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force stated they were planning on taking over Santa Cesarea. Objected but don't know what results will be? ?

Ground rotation will be 40 personnel, so that gives us 4 Officers for rotation unless they change their minds.

We are now authorized to fly personnel to Rome.

Air Force informed us that only actual combat crew personnel could go on the pending Cairo trips.

A-2 SECTION

A 2nd Lt grounded Bombardier reported for assignment as an Intelligence Officer. He is the third flying officer to be sent to the Wing this week for training as Intelligence Officers. They have been sent one each to the 98th, 449th, and 450th.

Message from General TWINING commending all Wing units on Monday's bomb ng forwarded to all four Groups.

Conducted weekly operations and news summary.

Air Force advises the Wing and each Group may send one Officer to a 10 day photo interpretation course at San Severo beginning 31 July. Advised Groups they could sunmit a nomination before 10 July.

SURGEON

A Corporal from the 449th Bomb Group is being placed on DS with the 62d Service Center to work on the DDT program. He will report tomorrow for work. DDT was sprayed in the Wing area today.

Col MARSHALL, 62d Service Center reports that warm water is being provided in the PRO Station at Lecce as soon as possible. Screens are being put up in the Hotel at Lecce. The Ice Cream plants for units of the Wing are under requisition and will be available for use in a couple of days.

The CO of the M.P.'s was interviewed today regarding the unsatisfactory arrangement provided for the examining and treatment of infected prostitutes.

ALL OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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/s/

Monday
26 June 1944.

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF
ADJUTANT
A-1 SECTION
) Routine duties.

A-2 SECTION

Inaugurated system of "Flak Route Charts" which will be prepared at this headquarters for each mission and issued to the Groups in such numbers that each Navigator will have a copy to take into the ship with him. Such a chart will be a constant reminder of the hazards which may be encountered if the aircraft gets off course.

A-1 forwarded a request from Air Force for release of an Intelligence Officer from the 449th Bomb Gp. Coordinated with the Group and approved the release.

Two grounded flying officers reported for training as Intelligence Officers. One was sent to the 98th Bomb Gp and the other to the 450th Gp.

Major SOLOMON, 15th Air Force Counter-Intelligence Officer, reported that the British Area Command had agreed to see that live ammunition, fuzes, detonators, etc., in small ammunitions dumps near our Airdromes are removed. The large bombs will be allowed to remain where they are. This section will conduct an inspection at the end of 10 days as a check on this arrangement.

A-3 SECTION

No Gunnery Officer assigned to this Section as yet.

Lt Col WARDEN and Major ELLIOTT to Air Force.

15th Air Force A-3 promises to get busy on Photo strips for off-set bombing.

New bomb range at mouth of Cvati River may be assigned soon and Range #3 closed to permit gunnery.

SURGEON

The spraying of DDT is not progressing as well as expected. At present the 68th Medical Supply Platoon is supplying a man to do the work. This man will probably be used for the next couple of days.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Sent to Bari to pay for Stars & Stripes and Yank.

ALL OTHER SECTIONS Lnd.....

Routine duties.



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Sunday
25 June 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Lieutenant General SALINA (Mexican), his Aide, General Hall and others visited the Wing Sunday. They inspected the 450th Bomb Group Headquarters, Operations, S-2, and the 721st Bomb Squadron areas after lunch. They watched the 450th land. Later we inspected the Wing Headquarters and everything was in fine shape.

If Col WARREN agrees Lt Hart will be assigned to Col [illegible]' Army as Armament Inspector.

"ATTENTION EVERYBODY"! The Headquarters Commandant has built another Volley Ball court and everybody is invited, to come out everyday plus Sundays. The Medical and Signal COURSE, are also "permitted" to play.

ADJUTANT

Major HAROLD W. STEVENS, 28th SCU has completed a visit to each of our Bomb Groups and Wing. Said that everything was coming along fine and in good shape.

A-1 SECTION

Capt FOREST reported to 15th Air Force on official business.

A-1 is in receipt of letter from 15th Air Force of which allots a quota of 12 Officers to be sent to Majestic Hotel, Rome, on a TD status every 3 days effective 25 June 1944. All Groups of this command were allotted 3 Officers each. Air Force stated that in the near future allotments would be increased and a quota for Enlisted Men would be made shortly.

A-2 SECTION

Drafted letter for Chief of Staff's signature outlining a policy which will require Groups to deliver to the Photo Interpretation Section all Bomb strike photos within seven (7) hours after time down on a mission. There have been recent instances in which five (5) hours have elapsed between the time the photos were ready at the Group Photo Laboratory and the actual time of receipt here. Groups are requested to send in their own photos - as the 449th and 450th now do - to ease the burden on Wing transportation.

A-3 SECTION

1 aircraft assigned to 450th Bomb Gp. Capt HALLETT, 15th Air Force says aircraft replacements are now getting to be few and far between.

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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Meeting and critique held on mission of 24 June. Following recommendations resulted:

a. Rendezvous system will be modified slightly.

b. Wing B-25 will fly over and above Wing lead Group on rendezvous so others can recognize.

c. Some method of inter-Group communications must be obtained in jammed areas.

Fighter Pilot sent to 449th Bomb Gp to give lecture today.

Major HICKEY relieved from A-3 and assigned to Air Force.

ALL OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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Saturday
24 June 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Majors SULLIVAN and HICKEY to be transferred to Air Force.

Air Force has told us to get all Units down to T/O. Make readjustments where necessary. Special report on this must be submitted to Air Force by 15 July.

Air Force stated that 485 Officers and over a 1000 Enlisted Men were on their way by boat. They are combat crews. They are enroute, evidently, from Algiers.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

450th Bomb Gp notified to pick up 5 replacement aircraft at Gioia.
376th Bomb Gp notified to pick up 4 aircraft.
98th Bomb Gp notified to pick up 1 aircraft.

Ferry Pilot from 306th Wing picked up P-40.

Major ELLIOTT to Ploesti with 450th Bomb Gp on mission.

Major HUSTON went to 15th Air Force today.

Air Force informed Wing that Major HICKEY is being transferred to 15th Air Force Hq.

SURGEON

Col MURRAY returned to duty from the Hospital.

ORDNANCE

Capt PERRY went on DS to 15th Air Force for 30 days.

ALL OTHER SECTIONS - Routine duties. End.....



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23 June 1944
Friday.

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Inspected the 449th Group. Headquarters was in fair shape, butthere was plenty of room for improvement.

716th Sq, Maj Silverstien Commanding, was in exceptionally good shape. The barracks, orderly room, mess and day room were excellent. The stone buildings had been whitewashed. I was most agreeably surprised at the big improvement over the last inspection.

717th Sq, Maj Sass Commanding. The mess hall, day room, tents and grounds were in excellent shape. The orderly room and Sq supply looked terrible.

718th Sq, Maj Swan Commanding. This Squadron was in the worst condition of all the Squadrons. Maj Swan had just returned from the hospital the day before the inspection.

719th Sq, Maj Nosker Commanding. This was the outstanding squadron of the group. The grounds were neat and clean and the tree trunks were white-washed. The mess hall, kitchen, day room, clubs and tents were in excellent shape.

The engineering office, tech supply and personnel equipment have been moved into the stone buildings adjacent to the A/C parking area. This was a tremendious improvement over the tents.

The airdrome was in excellent condition. The Engineers are building a new hard surfaced runway, which is to be completed in two weeks (deadlined), it is last of the present strip.

The 450th Group will be inspected next Wednesday, 28 June.

The combat service pep meeting for the 376th, 449th and 450th Groups will be held in the briefing room of the 450th next Wednesday 28 June at 0930.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

AF states that all 2nd Lt's who complete their (combat) tour of duty will be promoted to 1st Lt's unless they have been punished under AW 104, tried by a CM or had a special efficiency report submitted on them, prior to their return to the ZI.



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In the future all combat officers, recommended for Capt or above, who have over 35 missions must have one or the other below listed statements included in their recommendation:

a. The fact that this officer may be assigned to the Zone of the Interior in the near future under current rotation policies has in no way influenced my recommendation for his promotion. (This statement will also be included on ground officers with over 20 months overseas service).

b. This officer has expressed a desire and willingness for continuing service on ground or staff duty after removal from active operations. This officer will be assigned to duty as (exact duty) with (orgn). A suitable vacancy exists within the above organization for the increased rank of subject officer.

One combat crew arrived and asgd to 376th Group.

Six A/C Mechanics (EM) arrived and asgd to 98th Group.

A-2 SECTION

Advised group intelligence officers as to procedures in the event their bases are used as termini for shuttle bombing missions from other sections of Europe.

Conferred with Lt Col Geerlings, in charge of target identification for the 8th AF.

A-3 SECTION

One A/C assigned to 376th Group.

B-24, #33 of Flight Section will depart 24 June for Corsica on Temporary Loan.

Col McCorkle and Capt Oldhouser of fighters with Wing, are to visit each group on fighter tactics and problems. Covered 450th and 376th today.

Col Garland and party from 8th Air Force hereon bombing and bombing tactics. Meeting of all group bombardiers, PFF navigators, S-2's and bombsight maintenance men held in headquarters.

P-40 being picked up for transfer 28 June.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Col Cogland returned to duty.



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SURGEON CONT'D.

Aerosol bom s are being obtained for use at the rest camp and Lecce Hotel.

Arrangements have been made for the showing of a sanitation film to the Italians at the 98th Base. This will be augmented with a talk from Capt D'Arata who speaks Italian.

Supplies are being obtained for the pro station and work in improving the building and facilities are progressing smoothly.

OTHER SECTIONS

Routine duties.

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22 June 44
Thursday

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Lt Col KEMPTON, Asst A-1, 15th Air Force called and requested us to transfer all our overages to the Groups immediately.

Col WARNER, A-1, 15th Air Force called and stated that the 15th Air Force may be asked by the War Department to furnish 3000 Enlisted Personnel for transfer to V.H. Bomb Group to be activated in the near future. He stated that we no doubt would be asked to furnish a portion of this personnel in all grades. Col WARNER stated that replacements not over grade of Staff Sgt would be present before personnel would be transferred to V.H. Bomb Groups.

Lt KING, of the MDU, 15th Air Force reported to A-1 Section that he found303 cards and rosters in very good condition in all our Groups.

4 combat crews reported in with aircraft and were assigned as follows:

3 - 376th Bomb Gp.
1 - 449th Bomb Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Advised all Groups that a 6" coverage strip was required of the area from the IP to and through the target on Friday's mission.

Lt Col ROGERS, A-2, 242 Group, visited to obtain information relative to future operations being planned by the RAF. Lt GILMAN is preparing a report in the information requested.

A-1 advised that three untrained Intelligence Officers were available. Requested that they be sent one each to the 98th, 376th and 449th Bomb Groups. Information from Air Force is that these are flying personnel who have evaded capture and rather than be sent home, they are desirous of remaining in the Theater even though banned from Operational flights.



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A-3 SECTION

2 aircraft assigned to 376th Bomb Gp (1 - FFF).

1 FFF assigned to 449th Bomb Gp.

1 aircraft assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

2 B-25's arrived this field from Corsica for assignment to 47th Wing.

Major MILLER went to Corsica yesterday with Col KYLE to pick up 2 B-25's.

Major CALLIS of 15th Air Force arrived last night for purpose of instructing 449th Bomb Gp on procedures to be used on special mission. Major Callis was taken to 449th Bomb Gp this morning.

A-4 SECTION

Engineers are grading a temporary strip at San Pancrazio, estimated one week, then they will tear up and repair old runway.

Requisitioning of Rest Camp Hotels completed yesterday. Contracts will be served today. Official dates of both - 25 June.

Attended meeting at Air Force Service Command, Wednesday. New OML's were passed out, we will pass them on to Groups this morning after a meeting of S-4's. All of the points brought up at the meeting of the 98th Bomb Gp with Col MAXWELL had been brought to the attention of the Air Force Service Command and corrected.

SIGNAL

Made arrangements with Col MILLER, 1898th Engineers to repair road at entrance to headquarters area. Dust from the road is doing our power generators no good.

SURGEON

Col PEARSON and Col ELMSON inspected the 449th Bomb Gp and the 376th Bomb Gp today.

Col MURRAY remains in the hospital.

ARMAMENT )
INSPECTION )
ORDNANCE ) Routine duties.
SPECIAL SERVICE )
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

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Wednesday
21 June 44.

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Major WALTERS went to Air Force today.

A-1 SECTION

Informed Air Force that we could not use the services of Col WADMAN.

Air Force requested Major BURTON for promotions section in A-1. The answer was NO.

We informed Air Force that a Flight Officer (who had been away at Rest Camp when his application was approved for commission) had returned to duty at the 98th. We asked when they were going to commission him. They stated they could not commission him until Friday as the Sergeant who handled those matters was off Thursday.

A-2 SECTION

Capt THROOP, Intelligence Officer from the Second Bomber Division, 8th Air Force arrived to spend several days observing intelligence activities in Wing Headquarters and the Groups of this Wing. After several hours at Wing Headquarters he was taken to 450th Bomb Group.

A-3 SECTION

Requested permission to utilize 2 units of 12 ships each where possible. Col SIDMAN doubts possibility but will consider it and permit if possible.

15th Air Force will try to get us improved photo coverage of targets for "off set" bombing.

Lt Col RANDOLPH and Major SNYDER instructed to report to Groups (Snyder to 376th Bomb Gp, Randolph to 449th Bomb Gp).

Two Armament Officers, one from 376th and one from 98th selected to attend Gunnery School at Fort Myers, Fla. (A-3 considers this a waste of personnel, but Lt Col ZOLLER says we must do).

Requested Cairo Trips for combat crews of 376th and 450th for rest purposes. Air Force says they will OK these normally.

Asked Lt Col ZOLLER to assignPianosa Range ahead of time by schedule (it seems that 15th Air Force did this but neglected to include 47th Wing on roster).



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A-3 SECTION (Contd)

Wing will have it From 1000 - 1200 hours each day beginning 26 June. TWX out to all Groups informing them of Pianosa availability.

Lt ATWOOD is investigating 2 aircraft accidents.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.
ARMAMENT )
INSPECTION )

SURGEON

Col [illegible], Air Force Surgeon is inspecting the Groups in the next couple of days.

Lt CLARICH will return from the hospital tomorrow morning.

Col MURRAY is still in the hospital. Possibility he may be out Saturday.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Issued supplies to the 98th Bomb Gp, 909th ASS Bn, and the 450th Bomb Gp.

Other duties were routine.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Tuesday
20 June 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col PEARSON, (Acting Wing Surgeon), Major JAMES MILLER, and I flew up to San Severo, where we met a party (Lt Col STOLTZ) from the 15th Air Force and Engineer Command, to inspect Airdromes which this Wing can be moved to. The following Airdromes and sites were inspected:

a. San Severo.

Excellent - 2 Runways, one Steel plank.

b. Stellavecchia.

To be built - Not so hot. No communications, poor dirt road, nearest Railroad 15/18 miles, also practically surrounded by Hills.

c. Mamitelli.

(332nd Fighter Group (Colored)).

Steel Plank 5500 feet. A good Airdrome.

d. Solsola.

(1st Fighter Group)

Dirt Runway. OK in dry weather, would require a great deal of work.

e. Vincenzo.

(82nd Fighter Group)

Dirt Runway. Good sandy, high ground too close to Foggia Main. Will require a lot of work.

General STROTHER, 306th Wing, says that they will probably not move until they can move into the Ancona-Rimini area.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.



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A-1 SECTION

Lt KING, MAU, 15th Air Force, is inspecting our units insofar as pertains to MAU work.

The following Enlisted Men received yesterday:

| | |
|---|---|
| 16 mechanics | 12 - 98th Bomb Gp |
| | 4 - 376th Bomb Gp. |
| 4 M. P.'s | - 1052nd M. P. Co (Avn) |
| 2 mechanics | 1 - 449th Bomb Gp |
| | 1 - 450th Bomb Gp. |

Informed by Air Force that the "War Weary" aircraft are not available as previously stated and that it will be at least three weeks, at least, before our crews get any such aircraft to fly home. We had furnished 8 crews who have been standing by for a week and a half.

Col MADDEN (Ret) available to Wing for assignment.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted weekly conference on Operations.

Advised by 15th Air Force that Major SCHMIDT will visit units of this Wing within the next few days to check on the facilities for and the use of War Rooms, the Major is in charge of the War Room at Air Force.

A-3 SECTION )
A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.
ARMAMENT )
INSPECTION )

SURGEON

Lt CHARON,
Col MURRAY, are still in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

Inspected the Ordnance Armament Shops at the 449th Bomb Gp.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Went to Bari to pick up the USO Show and some magazines. Other duties were routine.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

Monday
19 June 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

All revised Memo, Letters of Instructions, etc.. will be turned into Chief of Staff by June 20th. (Final Notice).

ADJUTANT

Major BURTON assigned to 98th Bomb Group.

Capt KINGSOLVER detailed to duty as Officer in Charge Risorgimento Hotel, Lecce, vice Capt POTTER relieved.

A-1 SECTION

5 crews arrived and assigned as follows:

3 - 376th Bomb Gp
2 - 450th Bomb Gp.

29 Enlisted Men, mechanics, were to be assigned to us 20 June.

Promotions -- New Policy from Air Force Re: Combat Officers completing 40 or more missions. No promotions to Captain or better unless they sign a statement that they will remain overseas for a certain length of time. This policy will be out shortly.

A-2 SECTION

CIC reported violations of security are resulting from efforts of flying personnel to telephone their units from nearby towns (particularly LECCE) to determine if there are going to be any operations the following day. A letter is being drafted for the Wing Commander's signature, calling attention of Group Commanders to this situation and citing the necessity for corrective action.

Three evaders back after landing in enemy territory on the first PLOESTI raid reported to Wing Headquarters. They were sent to their own Group, the 98th, to assist in indoctrination of crews in escape techniques, prior to being returned to the States. They are 2nd Lt MAJOR R. GILLETT, 0-734890; 2nd Lt DARYL E. EPP, 0-740090, and S/Sgt Walter D. Hardiek, 15331873.

A-3 SECTION

Routine duties.



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A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Visited 449th Bomb Gp and all Communications Sections.

SURGEON

Col PEARSON inspected the Hq Sq area this morning and visited the 35th Field Hospital.

A letter requesting the requisitioning of Ice Cream plants was submitted.

Col PEARSON discussed the venereal question with Captain D'Arata.

Col MURRAY )
Lt CHILTCH ) Are in the hospital.

ORDNANCE

Conducted test with Capt HESTER and Lt Col APPOLD dropping a number of modified incendiary cluster bombs. The preliminary results were a success. Further tests will be in the immediate future.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Went to the Rest Camp and made and inspection and found everything going along just swell. But they seem dissatisfied with the contract in which they are under.

Sent to Bari to pay for Yanks and Stars & Stripes.

INSPECTION )
AVIATION ) Routine duties.
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

End....



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Sunday
18 June 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Major WALTERS and I visited the Headquarters 1052nd Military Police Co (Avn), inspected their barracks, grounds and mess; everything was in very good shape. This unit has a very very good idea in heating the water for cleaning their mess kits, the stove pipe for the container is brought up thru the container, instead of the outside, this gives about twice as much heat to the water. All six of their containers were boiling hot when we inspected them.

Headquarters Commandant how about those "window and door" fasteners, hooks, blocks, or anything to keep them from banging.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Reported number of missions of Wing and Group Commanders as of 26 May to Air Force.

Navigators who now complete their tour of duty are sent up anytime to Air Force A-1. They, if necessary, send them to A-3, otherwise they are returned to U. S. same as other crew members.

Was informed by Air Force that there would be another promotion policy out about Tuesday.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Teletype out to all Groups to submit names of Pilots, Bombardiers, and Navigators who are leading next mission. A-3 is maintaining records on the results obtained by each man.

Col STOLZ, 15th Air Force A-3, says there is possibility of 47th Wing moving to Foggia area after fighters move on up North. Survey being conducted of these fields and Wing member to accompany. (Major MILLER designated).

Lt Col RANDOLPH and Major SNYDER sent to Foggia and Bari to complete their indoctrination tour prior to final assignment to Groups.



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A-2 SECTION (Contd.)

All Groups instructed to send Group Operations Officer, bombardier, navigator around to all other Groups in Wing. This is to establish better acquaintance and exchange of ideas.

Lt Col WARREN to 376th Bomb Gp for afternoon on 17 June.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.
TRANSPORT )

SITUATION

Arrangements have been made for the spraying of DDT at the 98th Bomb Gp tomorrow. The Italian sanitation problem will, it is hoped be made much simpler with this done.

Col PEARSON inspected the PRO Station in Lecce, the Hotel, the 376th and 98th Bomb Groups. Progress is being made on work in the PRO Station. New bowels have been installed and heat will be installed very shortly. There were discrepancies found at the Hotel which were taken up with Capt POTTER.

Lt CELNICH confined to the hospital today.
Lt Col MOONEY confined to the hospital today.

ORDNANCE

Received a verbal report from Lt KING, 450th Bomb Gp, that the malfunction that occurred on mission wherein the 250 lb. bombs were clustered was just routine rack trouble. The same report was conveyed by the 98th Gp.

Conference with Capt HESTER regarding the dropping of modified Incendiary cluster bombs.

SPECIAL SERVICE

The American USO Show will be at the following Units on the dates indicated:

| Unit | Date | Time | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 450th Bomb Group | Tuesday 20 June | | 8:30 PM |
| 35th Field Hospital | Wednesday 21 June | 3:00 | PM |
| APOD #11 | Wednesday 21 June | | 7:00 PM |
| 449th Bomb Group | Thursday 22 June | 3:30 | 7:30 PM |
| 62nd Service Group | Friday 23 June | 3:00 | 7:00 PM |
| 98th Bomb Group | Saturday 24 June | 3:30 | 7:00 PM |
| No show Sunday | | | |
| 376th Bomb Group | Monday 26 June | 3:00 | 8:00 PM |

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.



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Saturday
17 June 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

98th Bomb Group.

Thursday morning, there was a "Pep-Meeting" held between the combat units of the Group, all the Service units on the Airdrome and Col HILLS, CO, 62d Service Group and his staff. The Wing staff was also represented. Col W. A. MAXWELL, Air Inspector and Col R. A. WARNER, A-1, Hq 15th Air Force were also present. This meeting lasted almost 4 hours and many problems were aired, most of which were solved.

Some of the gripes were:

a. Lack of distribution of incoming orders, directives, etc...

b. Forms needed in Groups.

c. Replacement aircraft should be delivered to the Groups by the Ferry crews, so that the Groups could check the aircraft with the Ferry pilot (A-3).

Colonels WARNER and MAXWELL both were convinced that these meetings did a tremendous amount of good and both of them expressed a desire to be present at all of our meetings in the future.

Inspection.

All Squadron and Group Executive Officers together with Lt Col GRAFF and Lt Col BLASH, were present except Col PRICE of the 450th Bomb Gp (he was at the Rest Camp). Lt Col HOOVER divided the officers (about 100) between the Squadrons for lunch.

The plan of inspections (all Groups) is to take all Executive Officers along for all inspections, at the end of the inspection they will vote on the best Squadron and the best Group in the Wing. The 343d and 345th Squadrons were outstanding in appearance, neatness, and cleanliness.

Col WARNER, Col MAXWELL and I drove down to the Rest Camp (Santa Cesarea) and spent the night. They were both pleased with the way Mr. PANDALOS ran the Camp, but they were also convinced that we should take the place over, "lock, stock , and barrel" (which Col HARTWIG is now doing).

The place "stinks" with irregularities. Col WARNER wants the 15th Air Force to take it over and run it with a Rest Camp Platoon. Col's. HARTWIG, CASSELL, Major WALTERS, and I prefer to run it as it is now. Major (Judge) LUNDLEY has rewritten the contract.



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CHIEF OF STAFF (Contd.)

Friday morning, Col MAXWELL, Col WARNER and I visited the set-up in Lecce. (Red Cross. Hotel, and Transient Mess), both places were neat and clean . Capt BUTLER does not fill thebill, A-1 get another Officer to run that place immediately.

We inspected the 376th Bomb Gp, Friday afternoon and every one agreed that all Squadrons had done a magnificent job of cleaning, polishing, and white-washing. All buildings have been painted or white washed. The 514th and 512th Squadrons, looked a little (very little) better than the other 3 Squadrons.

We inspect the 449th Bomb Group, Thursday June 22 at 1400 hours.

The next Service-Combat "Pep Meeting" will be held next Friday, June 23rd at 1400 hours, the 376th, 449th, and 450th Bomb Groups, together with all the CO's, etc... of the Service units on their respective Airdromes. This meeting will be held in the 450th briefing room.

~~Captain BURNS is the new Headquarters Squadron, Commanding Officer.~~

ADJUTANT

Captain BURNS assigned to Hq Sq to assume cond upon departure of Col WILSON.

A-1 SECTION

Reported names of 8 Officers and 10 Enlisted Men ~~###~~ to 15th Air Force, for R.A.F. Flight Control School and Air Field Control School. The School is of 4 weeks duration beginning 26 June at Cairo.

The Air Force called and stated they were sending 20 Airplane and Engine mechanics (747) to the 47th Wing for our Groups. All our Groups are slightly over on (747's).

No combat crews received this date. Shortage of combat crews is growing daily. We could use 35 crews this date to bring our Groups up to a total of 70 crews per Group.

Sent sufficient copies of "Service Record check list" to all Groups in preparation of MATUSA Inspectors who are due in the near future.

~~2 Officers and 3 Enlisted Men selected from each Group for detail to~~

A-2 SECTION )
A-3 SECTION )
A-4 SECTION ) Routine duties.
SIGNAL )
INSPECTION )



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SURGEON

An estimate of the amount of Ice Cream desired by the Groups is being made with the intention of requisitioning Ice Cream plants to supply the needs of Units in this Wing.

Lt Col PEARSON is acting as Wing Surgeon in Col COGLANDS absence.

Captain GOLDSMITH, Sanitary Corps, 15th Air Force, is visiting units of this Wing to inspect the work done in control of Malaria.

Major SMITH is still in the hospital.

ARMAMENT )
SPECIAL SERVICE )
CHEMICAL WARFARE ) Routine duties.
ORDNANCE )

End.....



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APO 520

Friday
16 June 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties

ADJUTANT
A-1 SECTION } Routine duties

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col Thomas inspected intelligence operations and checked interrogations procedures at 376th Bomb Gp.

Request made to Air Force to include a French invasion coast front line in the daily INTOPS for information of groups and squadrons. This will be done.

A-3 SECTION

2 new A/C were assigned to 98th Bomb Gp

A-4 SECTION
SURGEON } Routine duties

ORDNANCE

Conference with Col Hartwig regarding directive from Air Force on re-distribution of general purpose vehicles.

Contacted Capt Kucker, 450th Bomb Gp regarding reported malfunction of Adaptor Cluster M12 which is being used to cluster two, 250 lb. bombs. Requested a full report. Also brought to his attention as to whether or not the proper shackles were used when clustering the load.

Capt Lamela reported in.

SIGNAL
INSPECTION
ADJUTANT } Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Went to Bari to pick up supplies for the Groups. Other duties were just routine.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.



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ADJUTANT CONTD

Capt Zometa reported for duty, 30 days DS.

Lt Col Pierson Asst Flight Surgeon 15th Air Force reported for duty to fill in as Wing Flight Surgeon until Col Cogland returns.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

Thursday
15 June 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties

ADJUTANT

Routine duties

A-1 SECTION

Routine duties

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col Thomas inspected the intelligence set-up at the 98th Group on Wednedday and checked interrogation procedures. A marked improvement over the previous interrogations was noted. Additional personnel are required, and action is needed to have B-24's arriving from the State's equipped to handle photographic equipment. Ships now arriving lack vacuum lines or camera mounts, which limits the number of cameras which can be put out on a mission.

A-3 SECTION

Maj Miller inspected 98th Bomb Gp Tactical Section.

5 new a/c assigned as follows:
3 - 98th Gp
1 - 376th Gp
1 - 449th Gp

A-4 SECTION
SIGNAL
} Routine duties

ORDNANCE

Accompanied Col Kyle and members of staff to the 98th Bomb Group on inspection tour.

SURGEON
INSPECTION
} Routine duties

ARMAMENT

A meeting was held at Bari and supply situation was discussed. Each month, newly repaired bomb sights will be delivered by air to replace any damage from the previous 30 days. Tackometers and parts for automatic pilots will also be delivered if available.

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SPECIAL SERVICE

The Italian U.S.O. Show will be at the following Groups on the dates indicated:

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Friday | 16 June | APOD 11 | | 8:00 |
| Saturday | 17 June | 35th Field Hospital | | 2:00 |
| Sunday | 18 June | 98th Bomb Gp | | 7:00 |
| Monday | 19 June | 449th Bomb Gp | 3:00 | 7:00 |
| Tuesday | 20 June | 62nd Service Gp | 3:00 | 7:00 |
| Wednesday | 21 June | 376th Bomb Gp | 6:00 | 8:30 |

There will be an American U.S.O. show coming to this Headquarters on the 20 June 1944 through 27th June 1944. The schedule will be given at a later date.

Attended inspection at the 98th Bomb Gp and found everything going along okay.

Until further notice Movies will be shown next to the Red Cross and the Show will start at 9:00 o'clock.

CIVIL AFFAIRS WELFARE

Routine duties

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Wednesday
14 June 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

A-2, Hq MAAF report #18, May 21st, Subject: The Effect of CHAFF in Luftwaffe Flak Losses. This report should be carefully studied, analyzed and passed on to the groups, so that our groups take the maximum advantage of chaff and

Meeting at 98th Group at 10:00 today followed by an inspection in the afternoon.

Col W. A. Maxwell will be down for this meeting and inspection both at the 98th and 376th. We will inspect the Hotel at Lecce and the rest camp at Santa Cesarea.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Personnel on rotation were notified to report to 22nd Replacement Pool not later than Friday afternoon.

Combat crews of the four groups are completing their 50 missions very rapidly, in fact faster than they can be furnished this Command. The 449th Bomb Gp (H) alone has 23 crews that have 49 and above missions. This was brought to the attention of Capt Kirk, 15th AF and he stated that he would do what he could but didn't believe that he could furnish crews as fast as they were completing their 50 missions at present.

Effective as Sunday, 25 June 1944 a total of 16 officers from the four groups will be flown to Bancuso Rest Camp. The groups have been informed and the 98th and 376th will each coordinate the trips weekly and the 450th and 449th will do likewise.

Personnel consisting of replacement and otherwise were received and assigned as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| 98th Bomb Gp | 3 EM |
| 376th " " | 17 EM |
| 449th " " | 5 EM |
| 450th " " | 5 EM |
| 376th " " | 1 WO JG |

The above included 8 link trainer operators and assigned two to each Group.



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A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Capt Elliott and Lt Hope: Consolidation and completion of reports on inspection of navigation departments of the groups of 47th Wing, in accordance with present A-3 inspection policy.

Lt Col Warren spent morning at 306th Fighter Wing 13 May. CG said our new markings were good and helpful to fighters. They will send down P-38 and P-51 pilots to lecture all of our groups on fighters' tactics and problems.

Requested 15th AF not count Wings bomb plots at Munich, 13 June because another wing was late and crowded us. They will not count these against us.

Checked rendezvous 14 June.
98th late and poor formation
376th on time with good formation
449th on time with poor formation
450th on time with good formation

Memo out to all groups standardizing air speeds and power settings on course, climb and return.

Teletype out to all groups to expedite painting of yellow belly bands on ships.

Meeting and critique held with all groups lead pilots, navigators and bombardiers of todays mission.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duites.

SIGNAL

Visited 98th Bomb Gp and checked with communication officer on replacement personnel.

ORDNANCE

Inspected Ordnance Armament shops at the 98th Bomb Gp. They were well organized and maintained.

Informed all the groups that brake lining was now available at the Depot #11.

Conference with Capt Hartman regarding vehicles for radar sections. Contacted Air Force Ordnance Dept. and asked them to check into the matter.



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SURGEON

Major Smith and Capt Neffinger are still in the hospital.

INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

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Tuesday
13 June 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Colonels WARREN and MURRAY, there have been a number of cases where crews have struggled to their home base, only because there were seriously wounded crew members aboard, who could not jump. This indicates that crews are leaving their aircraft when they could have flown back to friendly territory. Another thing, a lot of Pilots are feathering engines when it is not necessary. A few hints to new Pilots on both of these subjects might save some aircraft and crews for another mission.

A-1 SECTION

Two Combat crews were received this date and transferred to the 98th.

Was informed by A-1, 15th Air Force that no more promotions would be permitted to be walked through on officers that have completed 50 missions. Promotions would be forwarded through normal channels.

ADJUTANT

Lt Col PEARSON Asst Flight Surgeon, Hq 15th Air Force will arrive this Hq Friday, 16 June 1944 to "fill in" until Col Cogland returns.

Capt BASON, returned from U.K., to report for duty as Personal Equipment Officer this date.

A-2 SECTION

The 450th Bomb Gp aircraft carrying Photo Equipment for special strip and obliques which had been ordered was an early return. The Photo Officer was requested to repeat the effort on Wednesday's mission, and continue each mission until advised otherwise.

Conducted the Weekly Summary of News happenings and Wing Operations.

Requested A-4 to check the availability of sustainence kits from Air Corps Supply, which could be used to supplement the food kits ordinarily issued with the escape purses. There is a shortage of such food kits in the Wing, and Air Force has no additional supply.

A-3 SECTION

Col WARREN spent day with 306th Fighter Wing. Had discussion with Commanding General of Wing concerning the coordination of Fighters and Bombers on Missions. Col WARREN reports trip was very successful.

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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Two (2) new aircraft assigned to 376th Bomb Gp.

Major MILLER inspected Tactical efficiency of Groups.

Capt HESTER spent the morning inspecting Bomb Section.

Lt ROSE conducted inspection tour of all Navigation Departments of 376th Bomb Gp, in accordance with present A-3 inspection policy.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Arrangements have been made with Capt BEVERLY of the 1078th Signal Co to install a Public address System at the Rest Camp. Speakers will be mounted in the Enlisted Mens Mess and Club Room as well as the Main Hotel. Thus they will have music while they eat and play.

SURGEON )
ORDNANCE )
INSPECTION ) Routine duties.
ASSIGNMENT )
SPECIAL SERVICE )

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Resumed duties after two days confinement to quarters by Medical Officer direction.

Work is nearing completion on Bar in Officers Club. Capt PERRY and Capt McFADDEN have whole heartedly pitched in and the results of their work will make our Bar one of the most attractice in Italy.

Contacted Col HARTWIG and he advises that the new furniture will be forth coming shortly.

It is tentatively planned at this time to have the formal opening of the Bar on Saturday, 24 June 1944. Now is the time for all Officers to line up feminine guests for that evening.

End. . .



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Monday
12 June 44

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col W. A. MAXWELL, 15th Air Force, Air Inspector and Col BENSON, 15th Air Force, Surgeon came down for the 376th Bomb Gp party.

Col MAXWELL will be down for "Spit and Polish" inspection of the 98th Bomb Gp, 15 June and the 376th Bomb Gp on 16 June. Col BENSON is sending Lt Col PEARSON, his Deputy down until Lt Col COGLAND returns.

Hq Commandant will appoint a Summary Court Officer to take over the property, both GI and personal, of any officer or enlisted man, who goes to the hospital, dies, or is missing in action.

Lt Col MURRAY is organizing the Groups " Spit and Polish" inspection. We will conbine the monthly "pep meetings" with the inspection. So all Headquarters Sections check with Col MURRAY on the time of the different meetings.

Major BURTON will be temporarily assigned to the Air Inspectors office for a period of Indoctrination before his assignment.

Col MILLS is going down to the Rest Camp with W/O PANGALOS to straighten out the Bar situation. We are either going to requisition the entire set-up or take over the Bar. It will be much better to let the present arrangements of food, service, etc., remain as is, because the management can get much better food than we can.

Reference Letter, file #319.1 V-1-7, Hq 15th Air Force Service Comd;

a. Paragraph 1. AFGD #5 is conducting a class on electric supercharger control.

b. Paragraph 2. Two weeks refresher course on maintenance of C-1 Auto-Pilot and Norden bombsight. A-3 and Air Inspector do we want to send Group personnel to these classes?

Amphibious jeeps can now be issued to civilian technicians. Do our factory representatives have transportation? If not here's a door open....

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.



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A-1 SECTION

Exchange of Army Ground Force and Army Air Force Personnel has been discontinued until further notice.

6 combat replacement crews arrived and assigned as follows:

2 crews - 98th Bomb Gp
1 crew - 376th Bomb Gp
2 crews - 449th Bomb Gp
1 crew - 450th Bomb Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Arranged with Lt GAMEY, 450th Bomb Gp Photo Officer, for _" photo coverage from IP over target, together with long-range target obliques from the nose, as per request from the Wing Commander.

A-3 SECTION

Lt HART visited 449th Bomb Gp and inspected bombing section.

4 new Aircraft assigned as follows:

2 - 449th Bomb Gp
2 - 450th Bomb Gp.

Lt Col ZOLLER, 15th Air Force training section spent the day here at Wing, inspecting training facilities at the 98th and 450th Bomb Gps.

Col SELMAN says hold up on marking Wing aircraft because Air Force has a directive coming out.

Letter prepared to Fighter Wing informing them of Wing mark of yellow belly band.

Lt ROSE conducted inspection tour of Navigation departments in 98th Bomb Gp as per A-3 inspection policy of present time.

Lt ROSE completed inspection tour of 449th Bomb Gp Navigation Depts as per present A-3 inspection policy.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.

SURGEON

Capt NEFFINGER is in the Hospital. Major SMITH is in the Hospital (DS to us). Capt HOUGHTON is in quarters.

ORDNANCE

In three days each of the Groups will receive approximately 500 helmets for combat crews.

INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT ) Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE )
CHEMICAL WARFARE ) Routine duties.



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47TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

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Sunday
11 June 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Major GARRISON, CO, 909th Air Base Security Bn, is designated the Defense Officer of the 47th Wing and as such he will check the Defense Plans, both active and passive, of all combat and service units. He, or his Officers will inspect all units on Defense Day (1st of each month).

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

2 crews arrived and were assigned as follows:

1 crew to 449th Bomb Gp. Totaling 68 crews.
1 crew to 450th Bomb Gp. Totaling 68 crews.

The 909th Air Base Security Bn is receiving 26 Enlisted Men in the very near future and will bring them up to T/O strength.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS conferred with Col KYLE, Lt Col WARREN, Major GARRISON, and Capt WHITE relative to the position of Defense Officer for the Wing. Result was that the A-3 Section will assume responsibility for air defense, and Major GARRISON, as commander of the Security Forces, will supervise ground defense.

Conference with Air Force concerning discrepancies which arise between Group and Air Force records when claims of enemy aircraft destroyed are reduced arbitrarily at Air Force Headquarters. Such reduction is done on a percentage basis rather than by elimination of specific individual claims. Air Force advises that Groups should award stars, etc., on the basis of claims as approved by the Group Commander, even if the total claims are later reduced at Air Force because of a desire to be conservative. All Groups of this Wing have previously been advised to evaluate claims very carefully.

Counter Intelligence Officer, 15th Air Force, telephoned that our correspondence requesting consolidation of small Italian bomb and ammunition Dumps to remove a security hazard from the vicinity of Airdromes is being taken up with the 71st Sub Area (British) which has jurisdiction.



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A-3 SECTION

Major APPOLD visited 98th and 376th Training Sections.

2 new aircraft were assigned as follows:

1 449th Bomb Group and
1 450th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Major ROWLINGS, Sig Off from 15th Air Force, reported in to Wing Signal Officer and will remain on DS with this Headquarters for about two weeks. He is to spend time at Headquarters and the Groups and familarize himself with Wing Communication Operations.

SURGEON

Capt NEFFINGER and Major SMITH are still in the Hospital.

ORDNANCE
INSPECTION
ASSIGNMENT
SPECIAL SERVICE
CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine Duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

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Saturday
10 June 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Major WALTERS went to Air Force today.

A-1 SECTION

209 Enlisted Men arrived 9 June and were assigned to organizations as follows:

72 - 376th Bomb Gp
86 - 98thBomb Gp
23 - 449th Bomb Gp
18 - 450th Bomb Gp
2 - 47th Wing.

1 Combat Crew arrived this date with airplane and assigned to 449th Bomb Group.

A-2 SECTION

Advised by Fifteenth Air Force that the proposal to exchange two Intelligence Officers in the rank of Captain with the 3d Air Force had been cancelled, but we would have a chance to send one or two First Lieutenants with over a year of foreign service. Submitted the names of Lts. LEONARD J. MADDEN, O-907912, and JOSEPH B. MUNIN, O-446791, both of the 376th Bomb Group.

Arranged with Capt CURRY, in charge of M.P.'s in this area, to be informed as to arrests made by his men which might involve counter intelligence information. A case in point was the recent surrender of an alleged parachutist in this area, word of which was delayed in reaching this headquarters.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARDEN accompanied 450th Bomb Group on mission.

Colonel SLUMAN says 376th stand-down on June 12th slightly doubtful but he will do what he can.

14 new aircraft were assigned as follows:

6 - 98th Bomb Group
7 - 376th Bomb Group
1 - 449th Bomb Group.



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A-4 SECTION )
[illegible] ) Routine duties.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN has gone to the 98th Bomb Gp on DS to supply medical officer in the Group until a replacement can be obtained.

The spraying of the DDT has not gotten under way due to mechanical difficulties with the motor. The 62d Service Center is trying to get it repaired.

Col COGLAND talked with Lt Col MANZO and Major JACOBY on problems of combat flying and the part the medical officer plays and what is expected of first pilots and Squadron Commanders.

Major SMITH is still in the hospital.
Captain NEFFINGER went to the hospital yesterday.

ORDNANCE

Tests conducted at ranges from 600 to 1000 yards with reported malfunction lots of .50 caliber machine gun ammunition have registered none whatsoever any signs of defective ammunition in the reported lot numbers. Further test will be made.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ARMAMENT

GUNNERY

449th Bomb Gp was inspected in compliance with Memo to A-3 personnel. The gunnery program is unsatisfactory, mostly due to the fact that the Gunnery Officers have been reported MIA. The Group Armament Officer has now been appointed Group Gunnery Officer and has a fine plan to put in operation and Col GRANT promises full cooperation.

SPECIAL SERVICE )
CHAPLAIN MARTIN ) Routine duties.

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Friday
9 June 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

835th Engineer Battalion departed this date. They are being replaced by the 1898th Engineer Battalion Aviation (Colored). Two companies of this Battalion are already here, the rest to arrive soon.

Major BULTON reported for duty this date.

A-1 SECTION
A-2 SECTION
A-3 SECTION

Called Fighter Wing. They say our yellow belly band marking is very effective and helpful to escort.

Oldest B-24D of Wing Headquarters being transferred out.

Lt Col WARREN spent half a day with 450th and 449th Groups on June 7 - 8.

Teletype out to all Groups: To cease firing over YUGOSLAVIA.

Air Sea Rescue demonstration team has completed work with 450th and 449th. Has been sent on to the 376th.

Air Force asked how long it would take to train Groups for pre-dawn take-offs and rendy about 200 and 300 miles from base.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN visited the 26th General Hospital and Hq 15th Air Force. While awaiting replacement for Major LONGWELL, Group Surgeon of the 98th Group, Major GAVIN will Pinch-Hit. Capt DUGAN, MC, also of the 98th Group will be transferred to the detachment of patients, 26th General Hospital and a replacement should be available within 10 days. A direct exchange will be made between Capt WAGNER, MC of the 450th Group and the Hq Sq Surgeon, 15th Air Force.

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SURGEON (Contd.)

The two enlisted men, one each from Wing Hq and Hq 62nd Service Group have started spraying the DDT in Kerosene, issued all units in this area. First priority will be breeding places for flies, second kitchens and mess halls and third latrines. The allowance of 30 gallons per 1000 men will not go very far. This spray when allowed to dry on walls and ceilings is alledged to kill all flies lighting on it, for a period of 6 weeks or longer. A larger allowance will be requested.

62nd Service Group has started working on a requisitioned Ice Cream plant for all Units of this Area.

The PHO Station in Lecce is badly in need of repair. Service Group claims to be unable to repair it. A request will be made to the Engineers.

INSPECTION )
ORDNANCE ) Routine duties.
ADJUTANT )
POSTAL SERVICE )
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

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47TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

8 June 1944
Thursday

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Officer's returning from the rest camp at Santa Ceserea report that the Hotel is charging outrageous prices for drinks at the bar (#1.10 for cognac and water). We are taking the bar over today. The officer's club will loan the Rest Camp some cognac and vermouth to get started.

All vehicles are driving entirely to fast into the Headquarters gate. Somebody is going to be killed there. Another thing, the speed limit along the Headquarters road to the Manduria - Oria road will be 15 MPH. If you are in a hurry start sooner.

ADJUTANT

Received instructions from 15th AF that no leaves or passes would be issued for the purpose of visiting ROME. All personnel visiting Rome in the performance of official duties must have appropriate orders.

A-1 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-2 SECTION

Discussed with Chief of Staff the possibility of having the Asst A-2 relieved as defense officer since air defense data necessarily clears through A-3, and the ground defense problem comes more naturally under the head of the Security Battalion.

Discussed with Capt Perry the matter of removing remnants of the Italian bomb dump from the area SE of the Manduria air field. Request already has been forwarded requesting that action be taken throught the Italian Air Force to have a number of small bomb storage areas and ammunition dumps removed from the vicinity of our air fields, and further action will be held up pending ward as to action on this request.

At conference of Wing Counter Intelligence officers attended by Capt White at Bari on 7 June, a system of written reports devised to supress dissemination of information on presence or activities of enery agents.

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A-3 SECTION

3 new A/C were assigned as follows: 2 - 449th Group; 1 - 98th Group.

Lt HART inspected 450th Group.

Lt ROSE inspected 449th Group Navigation Depts in accordance with A-3 Inspection Policy - Inaugurated altitude analysis as part of Routine Mission Analysis.

Major MILLER inspected 450th Group on Tactics.

Flight training was again conducted by all groups. The 98th had a large practice formation scheduled for Pianosa, and the P-40 was used for tracking practice by the gunners, enroute to target. Classes were scheduled in ground training by all groups.

A-4 SECTION
SIGNAL
SECTION
} Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Inspected the Ordnance Section at 450th Bomb Gp with Mr Rose and Capt Strom. Mr Rose and Capt Strom lectured on the .50 cal. machine gun to the ordnance and armament personnel.

Capt Strom and Mr Rose also went to the 449th Bomb Gp where they conducted an inspection and lectured.

Made arrangements to test fire various lots of 2-2-1 .50 cal ammunition.

ARMAMENT
CHEMICAL SERVICE
CHEMICAL WARFARE
} Routine duties.

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47TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
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* Important!

7 June 1944
Wednesday

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Security Memo #46-2, 1 June 44 of the 449th Bomb Gp, provides a plan for the utilization of all troops at Grottaglie in case of an attack by hostile forces. All Bomb Groups and Service Units (including Ho Squadron) should turn in their Defense Plans to the Wing Defense Officer (Capt WHITE) immediately.

Headquarters Commandant, lets finish screening headquarters especially the Duty Rooms of A-2 and A-3, Photo Interpretation, because these offices are operated at night.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

* Requested information from Air Force Re: Promotion 1st Lt W. B. KING, Jr. to Captain AUS-AC, forwarded to Air Force on 2 June. The NCO stated that it was in the Generals' Office and would take perhaps a day, two days or a week or so. That they couldn't get it until it came out of his office. This is sure getting promotions out in a hurry ---- 36 hours...

Lt Col CASSELL inspected the Rest Camp Hotel in Lecce this morning. There was no screening in the kitchen, the personnel were dirty, soiled clothing, etc.... There was a girl who had her quarters about 25 feet from the kitchen door. Lt Col BAKER was contacted and said that he would get the screening.

Awards and Decorations analysis for the month of May by the 15th Air Force shows the 47th Wing has received more awards than any other Wing except in the category of Air Medals in which we are second to the 5th Wing

Capitulation 47th Wing:

30 - Silver Stars
102 - DFC's
17 - Soldier's Medal
1 - Bronze Star
52 - Purple Hearts
5566 - Air Medals.

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A-2 SECTION

Conferred with Major LEAHY, Finance Officer, 15th AF Service Comd, relative to the possibility of having the Finance Dept. take over the matter of collecting money due because of loss or wrongful use of escape purses. He recommends that S-2 officers, who are responsible, continue to make such collections, and that reports of survey and formal statements of charges be made only when the S-2 officer is unable to obtain the money or when the case is doubtful. There have been no particular difficulties on this score in the Wing, but a question had come up as to whether the S-2 officers should be handling the money.

A-3 SECTION

Lt HART inspected 376th Bomb Squadrons on A-3 inspection.

Inspection tours covering the training sections of the 449th and 450th Bomb Groups were conducted today. The inspection proved very satisfactory.

Aerial training was conducted by all Groups including FFF missions, formation flights and bombing runs. The Gunnery range was also used. The ground instructors courses stressed Sperry and Norden training and GEE training also.

Squadron Leader COLLINS finished his Air Sea Rescue lectures with the 450th Bomb Gp and will start a series with the 449th Bomb Gp tomorrow.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine Duties.

SURGEON

Inspection of Hotel in Lecce shows that mosquito bars are not being used despite the fact that they have been procured and the kitchen has not been screened.

Cpl WODICKA went to FOGGIA to obtain DDT and attend a school in the use of same.

Major LONGWELL, 98th Bomb Gp Surgeon has departed for the U. S. Col COGLAND is at the 98 th Bomb Gp as they are short two medical officers. He will remain there for two or three days.

The power sprayer has been procurr d for the spraying of DDT and is now being mounted on a weapons carrier by the 62nd Service Center.

An Ice Cream plant has been located in Francavilla which we think will prove satisfactory for the manufacture of Ice Cream for our units.

Major DANIEL W. SMITH, transient officer, was sent to the hospital today. Lt ATWOOD is hospitalized as of 5 June 44.



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INSPECTION

Routine duties.

GUIDANCE

Secured the services of Mr. HOSE, General Motors, Oldsmobile Branch to give a lecture on the .50 cal. Machine Gun to personnel of this Command.

The 98th and 376th Bomb Gps were covered today, also an inspection was conducted by Capt STROM, 15th Air Force. Capt STROM's inspection constituted a check on Ordnance Sections in their 1000 round inspection program.

Checked on the progress of work being done on Sedan, 5 passenger, Plymouth belonging to this Headquarters.

ADVANCE

GUNNERY

On advice of the CofS, a report of defective ammunition at 450th Bomb Gp was investigated with assistance of Lt SCHWARTZCHILD, ballistic expert from 12th Air Force. No apparent descrepancy was found and matter was referred to Captain PERRY for thorough ground checking.

Lt SCHWARTZCHILD aided by Gunnery Officer has designed a new gun-sight for the waist gun. It eliminates the necessity of gunner estimating lead or deflection at any angle. Conservatively, this new sight should reduce training requirements by 33 1/3%.

The Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range is receiving a great deal of traffic. As on average over 25,000 rounds of ammunition fired by over 50 gunners daily.

The Skeet Ranges at 450th, 98th and 376th are available for Officers of this command authorized to fire (i.e., flying personnel) 24 hour notice to Wing Gunnery Officer would be appreciated.

A 4 day general discussion session of Gunnery and its problems is being held at 15th Air Force. This Wing is represented by an Officer or qualified enlisted man from each Group. The 449th trough a mix-up in orders neglected to send a representative the first two days.

Over 800 board feet of lumber has been secured and delivered to the Gunnery Range for suggested improvements.

15 new type ring sights, three, two and one MIL lead already constructed into the sights, have been delivered to this command. Further production has been held-up inasmuch as the newest sight development is easier to construct with available materials and simplifies the firing problem to a greater extent.

SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

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APO 520 US ARMY

Tuesday
6 June 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Major General TWINING, Colonel R. K. TAYLOR, (CofS. 15th AF) and Major YOUNT, Aide, flew down at 1145 hours, to inspect the Headquarters and to attend the weekly A-2 News Summary. The Club Officer Captain HOUGHTON did a fine job with the luncheon. Lt Col CRAFT, Lt Col GRAY, Lt Col GIDEON, and Lt Col GRNT came up for the luncheon and news session.

General TWINING was well pleased with the Headquarters arrangement and appearance, the A-2 News Summary and above all the Bombing that the Wing is now doing.

The A-2 Section did a magnificent job on the Tuesday News Summary. Colonel THOMAS, Lt ENGELS, Sgt Stern and others deserve a great deal of credit for such a splendid performance.

All Sections will turn in for Inspection by the Chief of Staff on or before 10 June. All numbered Memo's, Memorandums, Orders, Letters of Instruction, etc., rewritten as of 1st June 44. This Headquarters has got to eliminate the "dead-wood" in this files.

47th Wing Surgeon please put the names of Officers in this Headquarters who are sick in quarters or in the hospital, in the Diary.

The Officers Club is <u>your home</u> (in Italy anyway) let's treat it as such. Do not throw cigarette, and cigar butts on the floor.

There is <u>No plan at present</u> for moving this Wing from this area.

Headquarters Squadron is doing a swell job of policing, painting, and white-washing.

15th Air Force INSPECTION report is in the Adjutant's Office, and it's not any too pretty either. Let's jump on the irregularities <u>presto</u>!

<u>VOLLEY BALL</u> (Everyday at 5;00 P.M.). To make it more evenly matched we will elect two Captains to choose their respective teams.

<u>RED BOMBARDIERS</u> - Captain Hester
<u>BLUE NAVIGATORS</u> - Captain Elliott

Every one in this Headquarters will be chosen for one or the other team. If any Officer does not want to play he can delete his name from the team after the lists are posted on the Bulletin Board....



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ADJUTANT

Orders issued assigning Major BURTON to this headquarters. He is to report for duty 8 June 1944.

Any Section having any material for Publication in the WEEKLY BULLETIN are requested to submit it to the Adjutant's Office by Monday morning of each Week.

A-1 SECTION

208 Enlisted Men will arrive 8 June for assignment to Units. This is evidently our quota of the 1200 replacements that have been due for the last three months.

Radios, Phonographs, Tennis Balls, etc.. are available at Air Force for our Rest Camp and will be picked up tomorrow.

Three (3) crews arrived and assigned as follows:

2 - 98th Bomb Gp
1 - 449th Bomb Gp.

Two (2) Photo-Interpretation Officers arrived and assigned 1 each to 98th Bomb Gp and 376th Bomb Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Weekly Operational review and news conference conducted, with General TWINING present.

Two 2nd Lt Photo Interpretation Officers reported, and were assigned, one each to the 98th and 376th.

While interest in the Invasion is at a peak, news bulletins will be posted four times daily on the Bulletin Board just inside the doorway to the Wing Commander's building.

Prepared letter for signature of Chief of Staff clarifying the situation with respect to handling awards and decorations in Groups and Squadrons. This is an S-1 responsibility but some Intelligence Officers are at present spending 1/3 to 1/2 of their time at this work. Letter was coordinated with A-1 and Chief of Staff beforehand.

A-3 SECTION

No Air Training took place today. Yesterday Major ARTOLD and Captain HEISTER had a conference with S-3 of 98th Bomb Gp to investigate and inspect their met ods of employment of Pathfinder equipment to date. For tomorrow we plan maximum aerial and ground training.

3 new aircraft were assigned as follows:

2 - 98th Bomb Gp
1 - 449th Bomb Gp.



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A-4 SECTION
SIGNAL
} Routine duties.

SURGEON

A group surgeons meeting was held today. Venereal disease control, DDT spraying of the area and Oil sprayers were distributed to the Surgeons.

INSPECTION
ARMAMENT
ORDNANCE
SPECIAL SERVICE
CHEMICAL WARFARE
} Routine duties.

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Monday
5 June 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

General TWINING, Colonel R. K. TAYLOR, and maybe General ATKINSON, Headquarters 15th Air Force, will be down at 1145 hours today.

The great effort put forth by everyone in this Headquarters, to put everything in the "Apple-Pie" order for General TWINING's visit is indicative of the will of the Officers and Enlisted Men in this Headquarters to make this the outstanding Wing in the Army Air Force in every respect.

Talked to Colonel GRAY, about assigning Lt Colonel WILSON to him about July 1st, so that Lt Colonel FRANKS could be put on rotation. He say's O.K. I also told him that Major CHARLES BURTON, former Headquarters 47th Wing, Asst A-1 would be available in a week to replace Major GUEST as Col GRAYS Adjutant, so that Major GUEST could be rotated, again he Okayed it..

All Officers entering an Airdrome should show their WD AGO Identification Card, Form 65-1 and Enlisted Men should show their "Dog Tags". What do you think about this A-2? This would necessitate all cars being stopped.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Navigators being rotated must be interviewed by Nutmeg A-3, prior to their acceptance for rotation.

Air Force is still on the ball on promotions..... 30 days on AUS. 30 days in their Headquarters before they decide what action they will take. Have promotions still pending from 3 April. Air Force says they don't understand and will check.

All personnel who return from MIA will resume Operational Status unless specifically instructed otherwise.

We have received a total of 4 U. K. crews this month.



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A-2 SECTION

Assigned Major HARWOOD to 450th Bomb Gp, but he will spend one week ond DS with each of the other Groups before reporting to the 450th.

15th Air Force requested Capt WHITE be in BARI Wednesday to go over a revision of 15th Air Force Memorandum #45-3 on Counter Intelligence work.

A fighter Pilot who has returned after several months behind Italian lines reported from 15th Air Force and will spend one day with each Group of the Wing, reporting to Combat Crews on his experiences.

A-3 SECTION

Lt JUDKIS, 15th Air Force came down to test GEE Equipment in flight.

Lt ATWOOD, sick in hospital.

Air Sea Rescue field instruction team with Wing to give lectures and demonstrations. They will spend two (2) days with each Group (3 Officers and 4 Enl Men)

Colonel SLUMAN, 15th Air Force, A-3, says OK to rotate Carpet equipped Group to rear positions of Wing except on heavily defended targets.

A-4 SECTION
SIGNAL
SURGEON
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ARMAMENT
ORDNANCE
SPECIAL SERVICE
CHEMICAL WARFARE

All routine duties.

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Sunday
4 June 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Called Major STALEY, Headquarters 15th Air Force on the message on the loss of the 366th Infantry Regiment. Also Colonel GRAY says that the Italian guards on his Bomb Dump are being removed. Somebody is weakening out Defenses just at the time we need it most.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties

A-1 SECTION

Received three (3) replacement crews:

2 - assigned to 449th Bomb Gp
1 - assigned to 98th Bomb Gp.

One PFF Navigator assigned from 98th Bomb Gp to 55th Wing. We shall receive a replacement who is now at Gioia.

A-2 SECTION

15th Air Force made available two 2nd Lts., Photo Interpretation Officers who will be sent to the 376th and 98th Bomb Gps.

Lt MARK, 1st Combat Camera Unit, advised that he and 4 EM cameramen are being attached to the Wing instead of a Group as has formerly been the case. The unit wants to work with the 98th Bomb Gp, so on receipt of orders attaching the personnel for temporary duty in the Wing, orders will be issued here attaching them to the 98th Bomb Gp.

Draft of Memorandum clarifying responsibilities in the handling of Awards and Decorations, submitted to A-1 and C/S. It is felt that at present S-2 officers are unduly burdened with S-1 duties relating to Awards and Decorations.

A-3 SECTION

Practice Pathfinder Navigation and Bombing Missions were conducted today by three Groups. Ground school classes were held in the 449th and 98th Bomb Groups, stressing bombing technique target identification and Gunnery. (Maj APPOLD).

Lt HART visited Mr. TAMCUS, 15th Air Force and discussed Operational Analysis.



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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Capt HESTER returned 3 June from a visit with 304th and 55th Wings. Main points discussed, formation, new bombing and training methods, bombing accuracy and charts.

Had a meeting of Group Bombardiers. Discussed present bombing level and ways to improve same. Made distribution of new bombing aids. Lt THIES, new Group Bombardier of 98th is taking his job very seriously.

A-4 SECTION
* SIGNAL
SURGEON
INSPECTION
ARMAMENT
ORDNANCE
SPECIAL SERVICE
CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

* SIGNAL

Col LINGARD, Communications Officer, 15th Air Force, and Major STONER, Communication Officer from MAAF visited the Wing Signals Officer. The main discussion was on Carpet. This Officer feels that in order to get maximum benefit from this equipment all ships in the Group should be equipped and not only part of its aircraft. Also requested information on the status of new replacement aircraft. Col LINGARD and Major STONER will check with Air Force and notify us on the outcome.

Requested Col LINGARD to clarify the operation of the new emergency M/T organization (Darkey) for assistance of aircraft.

Captain JUDKIS, Radar Officer, 15th Air Force, came down and discussed the use and operation of GEE. Capt ELLIOTT and Capt JUDKIS flew for a few hours and tried out all the operations of the set with good success. Capt ELLIOTT will stress with Navigators the use of GEE.



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING /so
APO 520 US ARMY

3 June 44
Saturday

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

## CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

## ADJUTANT

Following Officers assigned as indicated, but will continue indoctrination program:

Lt Col MANZO to 98th Bomb Gp
Lt Col RANDOLPH to 450th Bomb Gp
Major JACOBY to 449th Bomb Gp
Major SNYDER to 376th Bomb Gp

## A-1 SECTION

We received two (2) replacement combat crews:

1 assigned to 450th Bomb Gp
1 assigned to 376th Bomb Gp.

Sixty-six (66) enlisted replacements arrived:

31 to 98th Bomb Gp
16 to 376th Bomb Gp
9 to 450th Bomb Gp
5 to 449th Bomb Gp
2 to 1052nd M. P. Co (Avn)
3 to 47th Wing

31 of these men were airplane mechanics. The remainder were clerk-typists, basics, airplane armorers, military policemen, one draftsman.

Lt KURNOVER (Pilot) transferred from 464th Bomb Gp to 98th Bomb Gp.

Lt Col RANDOLPH assigned to 450th Bomb Gp
Lt Col MANZO assigned to 98th Bomb Gp
Major JACOBY assigned to 449th Bomb Gp
Major SNYDER assigned to 376th Bomb Gp.

Air Force brought the Navigator situation to the attention of General YOUNT. The answer was that the Navigator Training Program had been reduced 50% by error instead of increased.



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A-2 SECTION

Captain WHITE and Major HARWOOD inspected ground defense facilities at the 98th Bomb Gp (a special report is being prepared).

A-3 SECTION

Group CO's contacted on idea of firing parachute flares at Bomb release points as sky markers for other following waves. All Groups liked idea and will use it.

Lt Col MANZO and Major JACOBY sent on to 98th to continue training program.

Called Col SUMAN, 15th Air Force A-3, and requested a stand down for 376th Bomb Gp, June 12th. He will if tactical situation permits. (376th having 2nd anniversary celebration).

Plan drafted for thorough tactical inspection of all Groups by A-3 Section during next 10 days. Emphasis to be laid on compliance with operational directives, indoctrination and training of new crews, and training program as set up and carried out in each Group.

Memorandum out on Group rendezvous area and routes to rendezvous points.

Two (2) new aircraft assigned to 376th Bomb Gp.

Practice Pathfinder mission were conducted by all Groups save 376th, which had its runway closed this afternoon. Formation, Gunnery and Bombing was also conducted by all Groups, particular stress being paid to Bombing with Sperry and Norden equipment.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Lt Col RANDOLPH and Major SNYDER spent a day with the Wing Signal Officer. Navigational aids, their location and uses were covered as were all of the ground communication installation at Wing Headquarters. The use of aircraft radio including GEE Carpet and H2X were also covered.

On the mission of 2 June 1944 all Leaders reported that good contact was had between Groups on the new VHF "B" channel.

SURGEON )
INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT ) Routine duties.
SPECIAL SERVICE )
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

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ORDNANCE

Went to the 449th Bomb Gp, had a long talk with Col FLEISCHMAN on Ordnance Service.

Inspected the Ordnance Squadrons and found them well organized, efficient and clean.

Requested Air Force to sent two Ordnance Officers to the following organizations:

415th Sq, 98th Bomb Gp
512 Sq , 376th Bomb Gp.

Contacted Capt CRANE, Ordnance Department, 15th Air Force regarding Helmets for Combat Crews and was informed that the initial allocation were to the 304th and 5th Wings by A-3 Section of Air Force.

Demonstrated to Lt Col GIDLOW, A-3, 450th Bomb Gp the operations and functionings of Flare, Red Star, Parachute, M11.

Made the necesssry arrangements to have sufficient amount of the above flares at all of the bases of this Wing.

End.....



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Friday
2 June 44

# D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF)
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Received ten (10) crews (3 from U.K.) assigned as follows:

1 U.K. crew each - 98th, 449th, 450th.
5 crews - 450th
2 crews - 449th.

66 replacements (Enl Men) for us at 22nd Replacement Bn. Will be here by Noon tomorrow. Supposed to be about 50 mechanics.

Rotation quota for 15th Air Force furnished Chief of Staff. It appears that from their quota we are getting an equitable share.

A-2 SECTION

Advised by Counter-Intelligence Officer, 15th Air Force, no hard and fast rule governs whether American Officers may search an Italian home if suspicious characters are being sought. This was in reply to inquiry raised by 450th Bomb Gp. Best policy will be to be governed by the situation.

Advised Groups to furnish this headquarters with information concerning the functioning of the Inter-Group radio communication now possible under the "B" channel. This data will be obtained at the time of the telephone mission report. Lt Col DOTY requested the information.

The 450th Bomb Gp failed to obtain any photographs on the mission of 2 June. Six cameras were installed, but three were on early returns, and one malfunctioned. One cameraman photographed the I.P. instead of the target and the other did not attempt photos.

Advised all Groups by TWX that the Security situation had eased somewhat but that stringent precautions still were called for and that combat crew members would continue to guard their airplane at night.

A-3 SECTION

PFF Navigation teaming took place this afternoon. Ground instruction was conducted by all Groups. Norden representative Mr. J. KELLY is spending two days with the 449th Bomb Gp. Indoctrinating the crews with the use of the Norden sight.

Col GENT, 449th Bomb Gp, requested O.K. to use ground personnel as well as combat crew personnel guarding planes. Told him O.K.



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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Non-Operational aircraft transfered from 98th to 449th Bomb Gp.

Lt Col WARREN (A-3) on mission with the 449th Bomb Gp.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Lt DORANDO, Asst Wing Ordnance Officer, 5th Bomb Wing visited this Office.

Secured the services of Lt SCHWARTZSCHILD, Ballistic Officer, Ordnance Department, 15th Air Force for Major HICKEY in his Gunnery Training Program.

Contacted Col FLEISCHER, 449th Bomb Gp and made an appointment to see him tomorrow regarding the use of Ordnance Service vehicles in other duties than for special purpose that they were designed. Will also discuss with the Colonel all phases of Ordnance Service.

SURGEON )
INSPECTION )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

End.....



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APO 520 US ARMY

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Thursday
1 June 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

## CHIEF OF STAFF

Mr. Steven and Boyd of the Adriatic Regional Red Cross Control Office, came by to inform us that Miss Mary Jepp is to leave here for another job. We are to recieve two (2) new ARC girls on the 3rd or 4th, also a Red Cross man to replace Mary. That will give us five (5) girls and one (1) man.

Lt Col GENT and BLASE stopped by; they are having paint and whitewash troubles (No can get).....

All Officers in this Headquarters are expected to take some form of exercise. Volley Ball at 5:00 P.M., Squash, Hand ball, Soft Ball, Walking, Swimming, and etc., Exercise will do you good and help you too.

Our paint and door fixing is <u>not</u> going too fast....

Major General TWINING will inspect this Headquarters next Tuesday the 6th. Let's be ready for him.

Captains PERRY, HOUGHTON, and our Red Cross girls are to be congratulated upon the many improvements in the Officers Club. If you have any ideas shower-down with them...

## ADJUTANT

Lt DAVIDOFF, 12th Weather Squadron, reported for duty with Base Weather Section.

Majors McCONNELL and OWENS departed for Hq 15th Air Force to pick up orders for return to Zone of the Interior.

## A-1 SECTION

Four (4) crews arrived and assigned as follows:

2 - 376th Bomb Gp
2 - 450th Bomb Gp.

Lt Col CASSELL visited Air Force for discussion on personnel problems. Air Force was furnished lists of all promotion recommendations that have been submitted by all Units this command. <u>They are not cranking out promotions as they promised</u>. ?



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A-2 SECTION

Inspected Italian Bomb Dump SW of this Headquarters at request of the S-2, 450th Bomb Gp. Three Italian soldiers are guarding the installation, but further check will be made to see if the dump cannot be removed, particularly the caps now stored there.

Information concerning a hole drilled in the Gasoline pipeline near the Grottaglie Airdrome referred to the CIC and 62nd Service Group for investigation.

TWX from 15th Air Force advises that apprehension of a number of persons made it possible to lift the special security precautions imposed several days ago. Conferred with Wing Commander and concluded this message would not be relayed to Groups until 2 June to avoid confusion since night guard already had been posted.

Captain WHITE and Major HARWOOD inspected Defenses preparations at 376th Bomb Group. Report of shortages with respect to a siren, machine guns, etc.,. is being prepared for Wing Commander.

A-3 SECTION

Captain ELLIOTT to 449th Bomb Gp on Navigator training projects.

Col GENT requested permission to use Ground personnel as well as Combat Crew personnel in Guarding aircraft. Told him OK if all planes were guarded as prescribed.

Discussed idea of lead ship firing parachute flare at bomb release line as a marker. Col GENT approved and will try it. (8th Air Force uses it and it may be of value for PFF bombing where last waves have no Pathfinder).

Non-Operational ship transferred from 98th to 449th Bomb Gp.

449th Bomb Gp had accident - landing gear gave way during landing roll on new plane. Major damage but no injury to personnel. Broken strut being analyzed to determine cause of failure.

Four (4) new aircraft assigned as follows:

2 - 450th Bomb Gp
2 - 376th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Lt Col BENNING AND Capt PRICKETT, Signals Officers of the 55th Wing visited 47th Wing Signals Section and made a tour of inspection of Headquarters and the 450th Bomb Gp.

on 31 May 1944 the 450th Bomb Group used the new carpet installation.

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ORDNANCE

PERMISSION TO REQUISITION

Accomplished successfully the mission of securing the Italian Bus for the 47th Wing Rest Camp.

SURGEON
INSPECTION
SPECIAL SERVICE
CHEMICAL WARFARE

End....



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# DAILY DIARY

Wednesday
31 May 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Major SNYDER and Col RANDOLPH reported for duty this date

Orders issued transferring Major WEST and Captain PARKER to 98th Bomb Gp as replacement Sq Executives. Col WILSON assumed command of Hq & Hq Sq.

General TWINING and General ATKINSON to make presentations of DSC's to 376th and 98th Groups for superior performance of mission 30 May 1944. Gen TWINING will take one group and Gen ATKINSON the other at approximately 1400, 1 June.

Arrangements completed with Col WARNER, Air Force A-1 to issue emergency rotation orders on Majors McCONNELL and OWEN to enable them to accompany Col COMPTON on return to Zone of the Interior.

A-1 SECTION

12 crews arrived and assigned as follows: 2 - 98th; 3 - 376th; 6 - 450th; 1 - 449th.

24 enlisted men arrived and assigned as follows: 18 - 98th (7 cooks, 5 basics, 2 armorers, 1 truck driver, 2 radio repairmen, 1 heavy equipt operator). 4 - 376th (2 heavy equipt operators, 1 armorer, 1 radio repairman). 2 - 449th (cooks).

Requested from AF, Radio operator - gunners and navigators. They said they are trying but no results yet.

A-2 SECTION

Capt WHITE inspected ground defense facilities at the 450th Bomb Group. The slit trench and shelter situation is satisfactory in most respects, and alert detachments have been provided to the limit of available ammunition. (A more detailed report is being prepared).

A large percentage of the enlisted men assigned to this headquarters are now attending weekly news and orientation conferences conducted by Capt WHITE and Lt CAWSE-MORGON at 2000 hours each Wednesday. This is strictly a voluntary attendance.

Arrangements have been made to have the consolidated mission report on each mission completed for distribution by the regular courier early in the evening of each day on which a mission is flown. This will give each group the picture of the entire wing operation within a few hours after the mission has been completed.

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A-3 SECTION

Major SNYDER reported in for training. Lt KING assigned to A-3 Section.

Requested all groups submit recommendations for decorations on the last few very successful raids.

New revised Operations Memorandums distributed to all Groups. These are all dated 1 June and clean out and rescind many obsolete memorandums.

2 new A/C arrived. 1 was assigned to 98th Group and 1 to the 376th.

Maximum training, both air and ground is stressed for tomorrow. A practice Pathfinder Mission has been set up, emphasis being placed on team work between the radar operator and the air crew. All groups will have bombing, gunnery, and formation flights in the morning and afternoon.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.
INSPECTION )

ORDNANCE

Contacted Col BOTHWELL, 15th AF, Ordnance Officer and made necessary arrangements to see him regarding the Italian Bus for the 47th Wing Rest and Concalescent Center at Santa Ceserea, Italy.

SURGEON

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

End.....



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Tuesday
30 May 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF
ADJUTANT
A-1 SECTION
Routine duties.

A-2 SECTION

Third Air Force is offering to trade a few Intelligence Officers for men with at least a year of combat service. Arranged to include Capt DONALD A. NEEDHAM, 98th Bomb Gp, and Capt JAMES E. HUNDLEY, 376th Bomb Gp, in such a transfer. Replacements will leave the States by air the same time these Officers depart. It is expected that 3 weeks will be required to complete arrangements, according to word from Air Force.

TWX to all Groups respecting greater Vigilance in Base Security and guarding of Airplanes.

Conducted regular weekly review of the 47th Wing Operations.

A-3 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-4 SECTION
SIGNAL
INSPECTION
ORDNANCE
Routine duties.

SURGEON

Major McCLINCH, Dental Surgeon Fifteenth Air Force called to see if we could use an additional Dentist in the Wing. Decision will be made in a few days.

Col COGLAND informed Lt Col HIX, 15th Air Force Service Comd that a Section would be reserved at Santa Ceserea Rest Camp for Eight (8) Nurses. This may be expanded or reduced as the need may be.

SPECIAL SERVICE

The Italian USO Show will be at the Groups on the following dates:

| Unit | Time | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 449th Bomb Gp | 3:00 - 7:00 PM | 5 June 1944 |
| 62nd Service Gp | 3:00 - 7:00 PM | 6 June 1944 |
| 376th Bomb Gp | 3:00 - 7:00 PM | 7 June 1944 |
| 450th Bomb Gp | 7:00PM | 8 June 1944 |
| AFOD #11 | 7:00 PM | 9 June 1944 |
| 35th Field Hospital | | 10 June 1944. |



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CHEMICAL WARFARE

Visited the Chemical Warfare Section of the 15th Air Force, for general survey of Chemical Warfare situation. Find that the attitude is still one of watchful waiting, with the thought in mind that it CAN happen, and if it does, we want every man to be ready.

A new bomb the M-76, is in this Theater, but not being stocked for this Wing. The distribution of the available bombs is being handled by higher headquarters.

Conferred locally with Capt WHITE concerning the possibility of using smoke pots for our fields. I regard the H-C smoke pot as a very satisfactory substitute for the smoke generators, which to date have been available only to port areas.

When last in Casablanca, I inspected their provision for Harbor smoke coverage, and found that the smoke pot, was their means of effecting the coverage. The one draw back at the moment is the number of men required to release the smoke by this method. My estimate is that it would require an available crew of twenty at a minimum for each field.

Remember that tomorrow, 1 June, is Defense Day!

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29 May 1944
Monday

D A I L Y ** D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

It is requested that Officers of this Headquarters visiting the Units of this Wing list the different improvements, ideas, arrangements, etc.. they see, so that these improved ideas and etc.. can be passed on to all other Units in the Wing. Let's catch on-to improving ideas regardless where you get them. Even other Wings may have good ideas once in awhile..

All windows and doors will have hooks, blocks, or something to prevent them from banging (O.K. Commandant)..

Section Heads should pass the Diary Comments on to all of the personnel in their Sections.

ADJUTANT

Information received from 22nd Replacement Bn that Major HARWOOD would report for duty this date as replacement for Major BLAKE in Headquarters A-2 Section.

Captain SCHMID, Engineering Officer, 68th Tactical Rcn Group reported for duty and assigned to 98th Bomb Gp.

Arrangements completed for three (3) floats and installation of float type danger markers at Rest Camp Beach.

A-1 SECTION

Hq & Hq Squadron 47th Wing has been authorized to wear the Bronze Star for the Sicilian campaign on the European Theatre Ribbon.

All personnel of the 68th Tactical Rcn Group have moved out with the exception of Major HARNESS and F/O HUEY. The latter two will be moved out 31 May.

Received three (3) crews. Assigned one each to 376th, 449th, and 450th.

Received 25 airplane mechanics. Assigned 19 to 98th Bomb Gp and 6 to 376th Bomb Gp.

Received Captain WAGNER replacement of rotated officer in the 376th Bomb Gp.

Major HARWOOD, replacement for Major BLAKE arrived. Assigned to A-2, 47th Wing.

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A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS visited the 449th Bomb Gp, checking on the interrogation system and inspecting progress on the Squadron Intelligence Rooms, now being prepared. Recommended to Lt Col GENT that greater care be taken to see that all crew members are included in the interrogation and that distractions such as were found in one Squadron area be kept to a minimum. Development of the Squadron rooms has been slower than was anticipated, but Major HARVEY promises action.

Major HARWOOD, (get full name and No. from A-1) reported for duty as successor to Major BLAKE.

Lt MARK who with 5 Enlisted Men from the 1st Combat Camera Unit, is taking motion pictures sequences in this Wing, checked in to discuss his program. He is at 450th Bomb Gp at present, but will go to the 15th Air Force Rest Camp on Friday - Sunday, then arrangements will be made to have him spend some time at the 98th Bomb Gp. The motion pictures are sent to the States for developing. In addition to raid pictures, Lt MARK and his men have filmed such things as the cottages in the 450th area, a G.I. tour of the castle at Oria, etc. His assignments are given him directly from the 1st Combat Camera Unit each day at 1700.

A-3 SECTION

Eight (8) new Aircraft were assigned to the Groups as follows:

1 - 98th Bomb Gp
1 - 376th Bomb Gp
4 - 449th Bomb Gp
2 - 450th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION
SIGNAL
SURGEON
INSPECTION
ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Went to Lecce to locate equipment for the Officer's Bar. The other duties of the day were routine.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

It is recommended that when "Alerts" are experienced in this area, such as have been for the two nights of May 28-29, that ALL OFFICER'S who turn out in the Area, carry their Gas Mask.

The primary reason is for the Officer's own protection, and a secondary reason which is very important is that the Enlisted Men, do turn out with side arms, gas mask, and helmet, and it sets a better example if the Officer's outfit is also complete.

This discussion concerns only the Gas Mask, which is the primary concern of this Dept. In the future all Officers will carry Gas Mask during "Alerts"

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Sunday
28 May 1944

D A I L Y ** D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Headquarters 68th Tactical Rcn Group ceased operations 2400 hours, 27 May 1944. Remainder of personnel to report to this headquarters this date.

Captain WEHLING (Eng Off) reported for duty this date.

A-1 SECTION

Lt STERN, Air Force, visited A-1 on 27 May relative to reduction of paper work on Battle Casualties.

AUS confirmatory promotions may now be submitted without regards to position vacancies.

Air Force is trying to get us dome Navigators from Troop Carrier Command.

Received eight (8) crews today. Assigned as follows:

2 - 376th Bomb Gp
2 - 450th Bomb Gp
4 - 449th Bomb Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS and Capt WHITE at Fifteenth Air Force discussing matters relating to Ground Defense of Airdromes; the shortage of ten (10) Intelligence Officers in Groups of this Wing; the need for a policy on evaders from the 8th Air Force being returned to this Air Force after brief stay in the States;and information concerning "nickelling" operations.

Data on a counter intelligence case involving Fascist activities of two (2) Italian Air Force Officers also turned over to the officer in charge of such investigations.

A-3 SECTION ) One (1) aircraft assinged to 376th Bomb Gp.
A-4 SECTION ) Routine duties.



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SIGNAL

It is planned to split the H2X repair and maintenance shop at NIECE in two units within the next ten days. Arrangements have been made with Colonel GIDEON and Colonel PRICE of the 450th Bomb Group for building space at the NARROW field. This will mean that ships of the 449th Bomb Group and 450th Bomb Group will be serviced for H2X at NARROW and ships of the 98th and 376th Bomb Groups at the NIECE field.

SURGEON )
INSPECTION ) Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Cleared up the records and distributed property belonging to the 6647th Ordnance Airdrome Service Company.

Conducted test on B-24 aircraft with the view of increasing the number of bombs of the 250 lb. size to be carried by this aircraft. The test have shown that twenty (20) 250 lb. bombs can loaded on the B-24 safely.

SPECIAL SERVICE )
CHEMICAL WARFARE ) All routine duties.

End.....



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Saturday
27 May 1944

D A I L Y *** D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Defense Officer, lets check on the protective measures against Air Raids everybody should have a slit trench.

All Departments will immediately revise their Standard Orders, Procedure, Memos, etc., and bring them up to date.

All Departments go through your files, eliminate the Dead Stuff it stinks. Lets clean House.

The Headquarters Staff will be photographed and placed on a board in the War Room. A'la 15th Air Force War Room.

Recommend that all Groups fix up a Photographic History similar to the 376th Group.

Spit and Polish Weeks.... JUNE 15th to JULY 1st. Two Groups will be inspected the week of June 15th and two Groups the last week in June.

A-1 SECTION

Col WARNER, A-1, 15th Air Force stated that a convoy consisting of 1200 replacement personnel departed PofE, 22nd April and was ear marked for MAAF, However he stated that the 5th and 47th Wing being the most critical short we would get a good proportion of the 4 to 500 personnel that is ear marked for the 15th Air Force. Also, that there were no personnel in replacement pools in Africa as Lt Col KEMPTON cleaned those pools out to the last man.

The Rest Camp Section called and stated that Villaggio Mancuso would be open effective 1 June. It was requested by 15th Air Force that 8 Officers report on 1 June, and 8 Officers on 2 June. The 47th Wing quota will be 16 Officers. Officers will fly to Crotone Air Base by organization and report before 1300 hours daily as the only available transportation is a Bus departing for Rest Camp at that time. If reporting after 1300 hours personnel will have to return to their station as no housing or messing facilities are available at Crotone Air Base.

The 15th Air Force is setting up a Centralized Postal System and requested that we place on DS, one (1) EM with Hq & Hq Sq, 15th Air Force for duty with the Postal Section. The 15th Air Force stated that this would expedite the Postal Service to personnel of this Air Force.

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A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

Eight (8) crews received today and assigned as follows:

2 - 376th Bomb Gp
1 - 98th Bomb Gp
5 - 450th Bomb Gp.

Air Force wanted us to give the 122nd Bomb Sq one (1) Bombardier. Refused on the grounds that they did not come under our Wing now.

A-2 SECTION

Information relating to Fascist activities of two (2) Italian Air Force Officers turned in by the S-2, 450th Bomb Gp. Referred to the CIC at Bari.

2nd Lt LEVIN, a grounded Bombardier, assigned to the 376th Bomb Gp to serve as Public Relations Officer, relieving and S-2 Officer now performing this work.

A-3 SECTION

All Groups requested to submit fire control plan to this Headquarters.

All Groups instructed to paint yellow bands around the belly of their aircraft for Wing identification.

* 47th Wing is now number one (1) in the Air Force in bombing for the last 5 missions.

All Groups notified that San Pancrazio will close for repairs 1½ hours after return of each mission, starting 29 May 1944.

All Groups notified of policy "Wing lead unit will set up a climb schedule and notify all other Groups prior to briefing."

Letter on Wing bombing limitations and policy out to all Groups - no more bombing of targets of opportunity, etc.,

Groups conducted same PFF mission as yesterday with different crews.

Three (3) new aircraft (replacement) were assigned as follows:

2 - 376th Bomb Gp
1 - 98th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )
Routine duties.



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SURGEON

Colonel COGLAND and Captain BIGHAM are surveying the area of the Rest Camp for Malaria Control.

Major GAVIN returned from Rest Camp.

INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT )
ORDNANCE ) All routine duties.
SPECIAL SERVICE )
CHEMICAL WARFARE )

End.....



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Friday
26 May 1944

D A I L Y *** D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Officers and Enlisted Men will save themselves a great deal of trouble and possible confinement by the M.P.'s if they carry their Identification Cards, WD AGO Form No. 65-1, Dog Tags, etc.,. With the present drive on German-Agents in Italy you may be stopped anywhere and asked to show your identification card, tags, etc.,. Don't wake up in jail!

If you should see strange or suspicious looking people wearing either Officers or Enlisted Men uniforms, it is your duty as a soldier to investigate them and turn them over to the Military Police.

The Wing's new Military Police Co (Avn) (1052nd MP Co) Captain CURRY, Commanding, is doing a swell job lets help him and our Service, by stopping Speeding Vehicles. The Jeep is more deadly than enemy bombs or bullets.

Department Heads. A visit to the Groups will do good. Combat and Service.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Three (3) crews arrived today assigned 1 each to 98th, 376th, and 450th Bomb Groups. Have 5 crews that will be in about Noon tomorrow. They will be assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

Requested Air Force:-

a. To give us crew for crew in United Kingdom exchange deal. They stated it was A-3 policy to spread United Kingdom crews out. We are the loosers .....we sent 8 crews to United Kingdom and received 4 this month.

b. To give us thos mechanics instead of promises.

c. To transfer a 1st Lt BROCK, B-17 bombsight officer to us as its OK with all concerned.

d. To give us at least 5 M.P.'s (White) to relieve men from Tactical Squadrons now on M.P. duty.

Air Force requested an Officer (Pilot who has completed tour of duty) for Liaison/Operations duty with 122nd Bomb Sq. A Captain CARLSON from 98th Bomb Gp selected by Air Force. We told them we had no Officers desiring this job.

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A-2 SECTION

At Group commanders meeting:

a. Distributed photographs of the 450th Bomb Gp escape aids display with the suggestion other Groups prepare similar displays.

b. Suggested a check of life raft equipment in view of forthcoming operations and recent discovery of a raft which had no water, food, or first aid kits, and no morphine in the medical kit.

Submitted Memo to Wing Commander on methods in use in Groups of this Wing to keep all personnel abreast of War News developments.

Letter to all Group Commanders relative to the need for briefing crewmen against German efforts to develop invasion information by interrogation of captured aircrewmen.

TWX to all Groups by direction of Wing Commander, commending all units on excellent bombing achieved at PORTO MARGHERA and MONFALCONE.

A-3 SECTION

Today all Groups were active in PFF training. The program consisted of 2 hours of Navigational coordination, and 3/4 hour of visual bombing on three Gunnery Ranges, using the PFF Navigator for guidance and assistance in this mission.

General BORN said Fighter reported extremely poor Wing formation today. Groups were late at rendezvous. Said it was also poor yesterday. The fighters check these formations each day. Asked him for more planes - he has 10 on the way and will "see what can be done" about getting 60 per Group, excluding PFF.

New Wing order of lead: 376th, 98th, 449th and 450th.

Captain CAMPBELL departed for USA.

Three (3) new aircraft (replacement) arrived and were assigned as follows:

1 to 98th Bomb Gp
1 to 376th Bomb Gp
1 to 449th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )
SURGEON ) Routine duties.
INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT )



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ORDNANCE

All of the Groups are now fully equipped with Bomb Service Trucks and Bomb Service Trailers.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Arranged with Chaplain MAYFIELD to have Church Serrice during the week at the Rest Camp.

Confusion was reported between Church Service and Ball games at 449th Bomb Group. I called Special Service Officer and things will work smoothly from now on.

Made arrangements for a thirty (30) piece Italian Variety Show to be with this Wing for a week beginning Monday 5 June. Schedule will be fixed at a later date.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

OFFICERS MESS

There has been a tendency for Officers to observe the official mess hours with a great deal of laxity. At this time it is being brought to your attention that in order for the following meal to be correctly prepared and served on time, it is necessary that the mess personnel not be tied up for an extra period at the end of the preceeding meal.

OFFICIAL MESS HOURS

Breakfast: (Except Sunday)
0700-0830 hours.
Sunday
0730-0900 hours.

Dinner:
1200-1300 hours.

Supper:
1830-2000 hours.

Exceptions to these hours, caused by Officers being on Duty, will of course be served the full meal. In such case it is requested that the Mess Sergeant be notified when such a situation will exist if the fact is known beforehand. This will permit him to anticipate the late meal, or meals, and he will make special effort to keep the meal in a palatable condition. Cold food is NOT conducive to general wellbeing.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING /so
APO 520 US ARMY

Thursday
25 May 1944

D A I L Y * D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Field Jackets with ties can be worn at night, but NO repeat NO LEATHER JACKETS.

1st Lt J. C. SHAFF, pilot, 450th Bomb Gp transferred to 376th Bomb Gp. 450th needs a Squadron CO.

Exchange policy which permits Officers and Enlisted Men of Air Corps Units to visit the Front Lines Units after authority is obtained from higher Headquarters and likewise Infantry, Tank, Artillery, etc., Officers and Enlisted Men may visit our Units and even go on missions.

Inspector make a close check on Life Rafts, one case was reported where a crew had to ditch and find that there was no first aid kit, water, food or morphine. That is plain murder.

All Defense Measures will be closely checked, there have been many cases of Saboteurs, Agents, etc., caught lately. We can expect all kinds of trouble from the Germans from now on.

Volley Ball Game everyday at 5:00 P.M. Come out it will do you good and help you too.

ADJUTANT

Major WALTERS went to Air Force this date.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force informed us that Col GORMLY would continue to be assigned to us until they received Orders from the States making the disposition in his case.

Received three (3) crews. All assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

Section inspected by I.G.

A-2 SECTION

Attended briefing at the 376th Bomb Group with Wing Commander.

Conducted weekly news meeting for personnel of Headquarters Squadron in the War Room.

Conferred with Major BARTLETT, Deputy S-2 of the 449th Bomb Group.

Attended conference called by Wing Commander of Group CO's.



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Diary, 25 May 44, Contd.

A-3 SECTION

Ten (10) new aircraft assigned to 450th Bomb Gp
One ( 1) new aircraft assigned to 376th Bomb Gp
One ( 1) new aircraft assigned to 449th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )
Routine duties.

SURGEON

Items for control of Malaria were distributed to the Units.

Captain BIGHAM is surveying the 450th Bomb Gp area and Hospital area today.

INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT )
Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Inspected the 1647th Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Company which services this Headquarters and the 450th Bomb Group. Found all of its sections well policied, organized and efficiently operating. This organization is commanded by Captain GRIEB.

Made a request upon Service Group to supply to this command 9,000 rounds of Shotgun ammunition and 14,000 clay pidgeons for training purposes. This request is in addition to previous allotments.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Captain McFADDEN went to Naples to get enough paper to print the Wing Newspaper this week. He also made arrangements to get enough each week from now on to continue this paper.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

End....



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24 May 1944

# D A I L Y * D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties

ADJUTANT

Movement Orders on move of Hq 68th Tact Rcn Gp to Blida, Algeria received this date.

A-1 SECTION

Received 4 replacement crews. Assigned as follows: 2 - 450th; 1 - 98th; 1 - 449th.

Requested six (6) additional crews for 450th Group from Air Force.

AF notified this office they had 100 single engine pilots available for use as co-pilots. We requested 20.

All personnel and equipment of the 68th Group will be transferred by May 28, Sunday.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Capt Burris, PEO, visited 5th Wing and 463rd Bomb Group yesterday afternoon to study improved methods used in P.E. systems of thos units. No activities today.

Lt Hart visited 376th Group and inspected bombing equipment and gave instructions to bombardiers.

3 new a/c arrived and were assigned as follows: 2 - 450th; 1 - 449th.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

~~Routine duties.~~ See next page.



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(Daily Diary, 24 May 1944 cont'd)

SURGEON

Capt Bingham, Fifteenth Air Force, Sanitary Corps is surveying the areas occupied by the Wing. He is inspecting the work done by the units and dipping the wells and other places mosquitoes might breed.

INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT ) Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

To alleviate the personnel shortage that exist at the 376th Bomb Group, secured 18 enlisted men who were formerly attached to the 68th Tactical Rcn Gp. With this addition the ordnance service is still 24 enlisted men SHORT.

Contacted Air Force Ordnance Department regarding Technical Films pertaining to Ordnance items and service.

SPECIAL SERVICE

We made arrangement with A-3 to go to Naples to pick up the paper for the Wing Newspaper for this week.

The Officer's will be able to get PX rations this afternoon in the barracks where the 47th enlisted men used to sleep.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

SIGNAL (CONT'D)

A meeting of all Wing and Group Communications and Radar Officers was held. Capt Beverley, Signal Supply Officer from the Service Command was also present. The main points of discussion was the new Radar Reports required by the 15th Air Force, and maintenance personnel. This Wing does not have at the present time enough mechanics in all brances to allow each group a seperate set up, but there are enough to handle all of the Radar equipment installed at the present time.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY /so

Tuesday
23 May 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

[redacted] * See Pages 3 and 4.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force has promised that we would receive within three (3) days, 4 photo lab men; and within a week we would receive some airplanes and engine mechanics.

An Enlisted Bombardier will be assigned to 450th Bomb Gp as soon as his transfer from XV Air Force Service Comd to us becomes effective. He is qualified on both Sperry and Norden Sights.

Four (4) crews assigned today as follows:

1 - 98th Bomb Gp
1 - 376th Bomb Gp
2 - 450th Bomb Gp.

Requested Air Force take action to relieve Col GORMLY from assignment to us. No action yet!

A-2 SECTION

Major BALLARD, M.A.F. A-2 Section, and Major BOYKIN, 15th Air Force A-2 Section, visited to check on problems relating to supply of target materials. It was requested that M.A.P.R.C. provide an orientation mark on all photographs and also the name of the place covered, since it now requires hours on some occasions to locate the territory to which the photo applies. Also pointed out that the target photos sent down Tuesday night were off 118° and 55° respectively on the North arrow.

Conducted weekly news and operations review.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Col WARREN to 15th Air Force. Attended Mission Planning Session. Requested C-78. Will get one as soon as available. Secured permission to use PFF in Wing Wave lead anytime we wish.

Called all Group CO's and advised them of new Memo on Photo coverage methods. Explained past coverage in some Groups had been inadequate and requested that they back up program.

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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

"emorandum revision underway - all standing A-3 orders instructions, and policies to be put out as permanent Memos in numbered file dated June 1.

Photo Reproductions of Bombing Accuracy Charts sent to Group CO's.

Percentage of Hits in 1000 and 2000 foot circles of last two missions (May 17 and 19) sent to Group CO's.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Major THORPE and Lt HALLY, Communications Officers, 15th Air Force visited Wing Signals Officer. Both of these Officers are new in this Theater and were just looking around. Major THORPE informed us that the daily and 100 hour communication inspection report that were originated at this Office are being adopted by the 15th Air Force, and will be the standard Form used by all Units of the 15th Air Force.

SURGEON )
INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT ) Routine duties.
ORDNANCE )

SPECIAL SERVICE

We will have an Italian Variety Show starting the 4 June 1944. The schedule for this show will be sent out at a later date.

The PX will be moved sometime today in the Barracks where the 47th Wing Enlisted Men used to sleep.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

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* CHIEF OF STAFF

Flew up to Headquarters, 15th Air Force, Monday. The following points were discussed with various Command and Staff Sections:

1. Colonel W. A. MAXWELL, Air Inspector about:

   a. The so called "Concentration Camp", at Naples and he is going to investigate it.

   b. Col BROCK's inspection of the 98th Bomb Group. The funds were found to be in terrible condition. Col BROCK requested authority to help get the different organizations on the right track, then he will return to the 98th in about two (2) weeks. Colonel MAXWELL Okayed that Idea.

   c. He flew down and looked our Headquarters over and said that it looked mighty nice.

2. Colonel WARNER, A-1 Section.

   a. Replacements. He says that 1200 people are due in this week.

   b. Promotions.

      (1) AUS-AC do not require over 36 hours if properly received at Headquarters 15th Air Force.

      (2) AUS average 3 weeks to a month. The list from 15th Air Force leaves there for M.A.T.O.on the 2d, 10th, and 20th of the month, and they leave MATO for NATOUSA on the 6th, 14th, and 24th of the month. So lets get our list into 15th Air Force by the last day of the month.

   c. Told him about relieving inefficient officers throughout the Wing. He say's O.K., but we must either reclassify or rotate them.

   d. Suggested that we swap Key Officers and Enlisted Men with the 2nd Air Force and 3rd Air Force by dealing direct after paving the way in Headquarters AAF. He agreed that it would work better than our present system.

   e. Headquarters, 68th Tactical Rcn Group can be moved anywhere. Orders have been issued ordering them to Blida. A-1 Section, lets clean House immediately.

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CHIEF OF STAFF (Contd.)

f. Two Administrative Officers enroute and we will get a chance to look them over.

Lt Colonel LUCE, Asst A-1, 4th Air Force.
Lt Colonel BENNELL, A-1, 4th Air Force, B.C.

g. Lt Colonel TREMHOLM MEYERS, Group CO, enroute we will also get a shot at him also.

h. We are getting two (2) Lt Colonels, B-24 Pilots from 5th Wing.

Lt Colonel RANDOLPH
Lt Colonel MORMAN

i. Major BROWN, a good Administrative Officer is available.

j. Lt Colonel CASSELL is to go up to Headquarters, 15th Air Force for a few days.

3. Major General TWINING, and Colonel MAXWELL will come down for our Tuesday Air Room Session on June 6th. So lets get in Tip-Top shape. Paint White-wash and polish.

4. Major General TWINING, says that every Wing in the 15th Air Force is out to "Skunk-us". Not only in bombing, but everything else. But brother we'll show them what a real Wing Can do.

5. Major General TWINING, flew down to the 98th Bomb Group. Presented Colonel RUSH with the Legion of Merit along with the decorations of the Officers in the 98th Bomb Group. He also presented the Unit Citation (August 1st, Ploesti). He then inspected the Squadron areas and was well pleased withe big improvement in the 98th Bomb Group.

6. Headquarters Commandant fix these doors (Handles, floor clearance, etc....)

End.



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APO 520 US ARMY

Monday
22 May 1944

D-A-I-L-Y ** D-I-A-R-Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

The following Officers, 98th Bomb Group reported and detailed to duty as indicated:

| | |
|---|---|
| Major ASHCRAFT | - A-1 Section. |
| Major DENNIS | - Hq Sq |
| Capt KINGSLOVER | - 331st Signal Co |
| Capt ROWE | - Courier. |

A-1 SECTION

Lt Col CASSELL assumed duties as Wing A-1, vice Major SULLIVAN, aptd Wing Administrative Inspector.

Ten (10) officer Bombardiers and ten (10) Gunners (E/M) reported in and assigned as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| 4 Bombardiers | - 376th Bomb Gp |
| 3 Bombardiers | - 449th Bomb Gp |
| 5 Gunners | - 449th Bomb Gp |
| 3 Bombardiers | - 450th Bomb Gp |
| 5 Gunners | - 450th Bomb Gp. |

Fourteen Enlisted Men reported in and assigned as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| 6 Basic<br>1 Laborer,<br>1 Sheet Metal Worker | - 98th Bomb Gp |
| 1 Classification Specialist | - 47th Wing |
| 5 Basic | - 376th Bomb Gp |

Five (5) Combat Crews reported in and assigned as follows:

4 - 98th Bomb Gp 1 - 449th Bomb Gp.

A-2 SECTION

Major SOUDER, new Air Force counter Intelligence Officer, visited together with Major McGOVERN, whom Maj SOUDER is replacing, Major SOUDER is seeking to have the C.I.C. agents put directly under Air Force control. If this is done, it was requested that this Wing be provided with a unit of five (5) men - an Agent in charge for the Wing and one Agent to be attached to each Group for counter subversive investigations.

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Diary, Mon. 22 May 44.

A-3 SECTION

Five (5) new aircraft arrived and were assigned as follows:

4 - 449th Bomb Gp
1 - 376th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION

Operational Engineer of 15th Air Force has given verbal permission for the modification of a B-24 per the plans submitted by the 449th Bomb Group. This modification is in the Bombardier-Navigator compartment and it looks good.

SIGNAL

Lt Col MANZO and Major JACOBY spent part of the afternoon of 21 May and the morning of 22 May with the Wing Signals Officer. Air-Ground Radio Facilities were covered in a general discussion along with all types of Radio Equipment installed in B-24 Aircraft. GEE, Carpet, RCM were also discussed. An inspection was made of all Wing Communication Sections and the manner of operation of same. A visit was made to the 450th Bomb Gp. Inspection of Tower and its operation, along with visits to Group and Squadron Communications Section completed the tour.

Capt HARTMAN, Wing Radar Officer has set-up his Office in the Signal Office. Col KYLE, WARREN, and DOTY and Major APPOLD discussed Capt HARTMAN's duties and the methods of operation which would be followed. Close coordination between the Signal, A-3 and A-2 Sections will insure the success of Radar in all its branches in the 47th Wing.

SURGEON

The Veterinarian from 15th Air Force inspected the Ice Cream plant in Oria today. Lt PEPER accompanied him.

INSPECTION }
ARMAMENT } Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Flew to Naples to check onthe availability of Automotive Parts and vehicles.

SPECIAL SERVICE

I was informed that all the Groups with the exception of the 450th were very lax on sending in news for the paper. Called Groups about stories for paper. All but 98th is sure of improvement.

Received word that the Radio Station in FOGGIA is being changed so to transmit on a 1000 watt transmitter.

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Diary Mon 22 May 44.

SPECIAL SERVICE (Contd.)

Sent to Bari to pay for Stars & Stripes and pick up the YANK magazine.

Checked the building for P.X. and it will be ready tomorrow. The PX is located in the Barracks where the 47th Wing Enlisted Men usedto sleep. It will open on Thursday morning the 25th of May.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

Sunday
21 May 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Orders issued relieving Major SULLIVAN from duty as A-1 and detailing him as Wing Administrative Inspector. Relieving Lt Col CASSELL from duty as Wing Administrative Inspector and detailing him to duty as A-1, effective this date.

A-1 SECTION

Informed 68th Tactical Rcn Gp to retain all Officers and Enlisted Men, physically present now, until equipment, etc., disposed of.

Sixty (60) Enlisted Men, (Gunners) assigned to Wing from 22d Replacement Bn. Further assigned as follows:

16 - 98th Bomb Gp
15 - 376th Bomb Gp
19 - 449th Bomb Gp
38 - 450th Bomb Gp.

Effective midnight 24th May 1944, it will be necessary to make twice the present number of sorties for an award of an Oak Leaf Cluster to the A ir Medal. (5 sorties required now, 24th May 10 required).

A-2 SECTION

Assigned two specially trained LM to 450th Bomb Gp as intercept operators on new radio equipment being installed. Coordinated this assignment with the Wing Commander and Lt Col DOTY, who selected the 450th Bomb Gp as the Unit to which the new equipment should be given.

Advised Lt SIMMONS, the courier reporting each night from one of the Gps is to remain at this Headquarters all night. So advising each courier will be Lt SIMMONS' responsibility. The courier from the 449th Bomb Gp departed after his first run Thursday night and was not available for a later run required by a shortage of certain target materials.

Letter of commendation forwarded for Lt BALDWIN, successful evader, who has been lecturing crews in this Wing on escape methods during the past week.



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Diary, Sun 21 May 44. Contd.

A-2 SECTION (Contd.)

List of aerial photographs required to give adequate coverage on potential targets of this Wing forwarded to Nutmeg.

A-3 SECTION

Capt BURRIS, PEO, inspected newly arrived British electrically heated suits, revealed that 77 out of the 100 received were too small for use by any of our personnel. Directed that they be returned to depot for use by the fighter organization in accordance with telephone conversation with Air Force P.E. Officer.

One (1) new aircraft (replacement) arrived and was assigned to 450th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND conferred with The Surgeon, 15th Air Force on the rotation policy, the wearing of flak suits and a check of the ice plants, ice cream factories and water.

Major THORPE visited and discussed the result of some Bd actions.

INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT ) Routine duties.

ORDNANCE DIARY

More and More 2½ ton Trucks are being daily deadlined for lack of parts, namely exhaust valves and brake lining. Contacted Air Force and Service Command they inform that have requisitioned on MTO who in turn has wired to the States. With this situation it can be expected to have at least 50% of the 2½ ton Trucks on deadline for the next thirty (30) days.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Capt MC FADDEN, made arrangements for the Red Cross in Lecce to have a plan for the purpose of picking up 35 mm Films each Sunday. They will receive three (3) films each week. He also sent a [redacted] to the Red Cross to check up on the machine that they were going to use for showing the movies. The film will be from the Wing and we must protect it. Lt DEAVIS from Special Service, NATOUSA, was here. He and Capt McFadden checked the Theater in Lecce to see if the Stage Show "This is The Army" could be put on down there. Everything was O.K. and the date will be set within the next month.

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SPECIAL SERVICE (Contd.)

Issued all supplies to Groups that were available. The shortage of Athletic equipment was called to the attention of the 15th Air Force and the Service Command.

Wrote a draft letter for Major WALTERS about the shortage of PX supplies at the Rest Camp. We suggested they be allowed to draw items that would appeal to the men.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

End.....

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING /so
APO 520 US ARMY

Saturday
20 May 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col THOMAS, Wing A-2, has gone to a great deal of trouble to give a new summary and a review of our previous day's "bombing operations" and I might add that he and his staff are doing a magnificient job. Some officers on the post have permitted other activities to interfer with these meetings. These meetings are usually short, snappy, and extremely interesting. All officers are expected to attend these meetings, whenever possible.

Col OAKLEY KELLY, MAAF Hq, came down to investigate the Aircraft status of all Groups. This is a result of General EAKER's letter in regards to a B-24 landed at Marcinicia Airdrome by a combat crew returning from a mission.

Lt Col BROCK, IGD, 15th Air Force has just completed his inspection of the 98th and 376th Bomb Groups. He found the Administrative set-up at the 98th Bomb Gp in very, very bad shape, especially the funds. This Group had not been inspected since it left the U.S.A.

Headquarters Commandant (Major WEST), when do we get some signs up indicating the location of this Headquarters, such as on the Manduria-Oria Road, etc.....

ADJUTANT )
A-1 SECTION ) Routine duties.
A-2 SECTION )

A-3 SECTION

One (1) new aircraft (replacement) arrived and was assigned to 98th.

Received 200 American F-2 and 100 British Electrically Heated Suits and distributed so as to bring units up to level indicated below;

98th - 423
376th - 431
449th - 420
450th - 423

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )
SURGEON ) Routine duties.
INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT )

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ORDNANCE

In conjunction with Lt. RUNKLE and Lt. ELLIS conducted various tests on the effectiveness of our .50 caliber Armor Piercing, Incendiary, and Armor Piercing-Incendiary ammunition against metal plate of varying thickness. These tests will be continued as at present have been unable to secure the required armor plate.

Sent to the 376th Bomb Gp 25,000 rounds of Armor-Piercing-Incendiary ammunition to be installed in a few aircraft for tests.

CHEMICAL WARFARE )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.

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FRiday
19 May 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties. * (See Page 2.)

ADJUTANT

Lt Col MANZO and Major JACOBY reported for duty.

Move of Headquarters to new area completed this date.

A-1 SECTION

Requested Air Force to return our 8 crews who are at present DS with the 122d Bomb Sq, Blida, N. Africa. They stated these crews would not return to us but would be transferred out as soon as the T/O was approved for the 122d Bomb Sq. We in turn will request immediately that Air Force assign us 8 crews in lieu of the above.

Requested information from Air Force as to action taken on our TWX requesting transfer Lt WORKMAN of 734th M.P. Bn to us. They had no information, will initiate a tracer.

Requested information regards to aircraft observers rating on a Captain JEFFERSON, 450th Bomb Gp. Air Force stated he would be rated on or about 23d of this month.

Arrangements have been made for Miss CURTIS to be sent to Santa Ceseria Rest Camp tomorrow. She will be the Red Cross Representative for our Rest Camp.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties. (Moved)

A-3 SECTION

Captain BURRIS, P.E.O., conferred with P.E. officer of Air Force on shortages of electrically heated clothing in Wing. 300 complete suits to arrive here on the 20th (200 American, F-2 and 100 British).

We are receiving 500 each Sheep Shearling cheek frost-bite protectors for experimental survey. Recommend that this survey be suspended due to weather conditions imposing discomfort on personnel wearing this equipment at this time.

The A-20 of flight section is being transferred to 331st Service Sq.

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A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Col LINGARD, Signal Officer, 15th Air Force, and Major MATTHEWS, 15th Air Force Service Command, visited Wing Signal Officer. Inspection was made of several ships of the 450th Bomb Group that are having RCM installed. This job should be completed within ten (10) days.

Radio set received from 15th Air Force, A-2 Section to be installed in an aircraft of the 450th Bomb Gp. This set will be used for interception of German Radio transmissions. Col THOMAS will handle details with A-2 Section of the 450th Bomb Gp.

SURGEON

All Groups were notified about the supply and means of obtaining same for the control of Malaria.

The Group Surgeon, 450th Bomb Gp conferred with Col COGLAND on the Malaria situation and a couple of cases for Board Action.

Major GAVIN went to Bari and checked the patients at the hospital.

INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT ) Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Contacted Air Force regarding vehicles for this Wing. It is estimated that within the next 60 days all Groups of this Command will be brought up to 90% of their authorization.

Received permission from Air Force Ordnance Section to use M30, G/P., Bombs, for practice bombing from high altitude. The spotting charge in the present practice bomb, M38A2, emits white smoke and it blends with the background, therefore, it cannot be seen by the Bombardier.

CHEMICAL WARFARE )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.

* CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col SALVATORE E. MANZO, O-22053, and Major ELLSWORTH R. JACOBY, O-22089, reported for duty and were assigned to A-3, for Temp Dy.

Visited 98th Bomb Gp and they need two Squadron Executive Officers and one Squadron Adjutant-A-1, get into the Saddle "QUICK".

Visited 376th Bomb Gp, Thursday and they have got to have a Runway Pronto A-4!

End.....

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Thursday
18 May 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Completed assignment of all personnel of 68th Tactical Recn Group to the Wing Headquarters or Units of the Wing.

According to a new plan devised at Air Force, each Wing will receive a monthly quota for ground personnel who have completed at least eighteen (18) months overseas. Personnel named on this quota will absolutely go home. In addition to this the regular list will be submitted and certain selections made from the names listed thereon. Air Force has given us a quota of 29 for this Wing which will be divided between the Groups on a basis of personnel who have over 18 months overseas.

Lt DAY of the 449th Bomb Gp will be transferred to Headquarters for duty in the Cryptographic Section.

A-2 SECTION

Major STALEY, Nutmeg ground defense officer, visited. He reports that the number of colored guards in this Wing will be reduced from 550 to 470. The present Air Force policy is to have a minimum of 70 guards at each field. Nothing will be done to reduce the number of guards available at any our bases except Manduria. At this base the MP company being withdrawn will be replaced by 70 men.

Conferred with Captain FRITZ, Nutmeg Photo Officer, who is spending several days with Photo Officers of Units of this Wing. He reports that shipments already made from Depot No. 5 will bring all Groups up to a standard of 16 K22 cameras, or their equivalent (K-17's or K-38s); 16 12" cones, 8 24" cones, and 12 6" cones.

At the Wing Commander's direction, teletyped congratulations to all Groups of this Wing on the bombing results achieved on Wednesdays mission to Orbetello and Porto San Stefano.

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A-2 SECTION (Contd.)

Check instigated at request of the Wing Commander indicated the 98th Bomb Group, which fared badly on photographs on Wednesday, is the only Unit which does not use the photographer as an eleventh man in the camera ships. Their photographer is a photographer and a waist gunner. In other Groups, while the photographer could fill in as a gunner in case a regular waist gunner is incapacitated, ordinarily his sole function is that as cameraman. The Wing Commander requested the 98th be advised to "get in line."

A-3 SECTION

One (1) new "Mickey Ship" assigned to 98th Bomb Gp.

Four (4) Navigators from Neice practiced on GEE Equipment.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL )
SURGEON )
INSPECTION ) All routine duties.
ARMAMENT )
ORDNANCE )
CHEMICAL WARFARE )
SPECIAL SERVICE )

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
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Wednesday
17 May 1944

# D A I L Y  ***  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Received information from Col Taylor, C of S, Air Force that Generals YOUNT, COUSINS, McNAUGHTON and two other officers would arrive this field 1600 hrs 18 May 1944, in C-47. They will remain on field for approximately one hour then visit the 62nd in Manduria and return to Bari the same evening.

Friday 19 May, tentatively set as date for the remainder of Hq to move to new location.

A-1 SECTION

Submitted the names of Lt Col Feischer to attend a course at the Naval War College in compliance with a TWX from AF.

AF wanted the names of all the clerks in the 68th for transfer to Hq & Hq Sq 15th AF. Informed them that Col Warner had authorized us to absorb this personnel. They replied that it was the General's desire to have the clerks immediately and that the first clerk replacements would be sent to this Wing.

Transferred Group overages to Groups that had shortages in the same category. This will give the 98th fifteen more men and the 376th seven.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties

A-3 SECTION

Capt Hester and Capt Hart visited Capt Supiano, 98th Gp, had meeting of all available bombardiers for purpose of discussing Bombing with Sperry Equipment.

B-25 #358 (Spare Parts) will be transferred May 20th.

6 Navigators from Groups practiced on Gee Trainer.

A-4 SECTION

Capt Lewis, Nutmeg A-4 was here today for conference and also visited the Gps.

SURGEON

Two British Majors visited the office to discuss what measures were being taken by us in control of malaria.

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APO 520 US ARMY

Tuesday
16 May 1944

D-A-I-L-Y *** D-I-A-R-Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Red Cross Bakery shop willbe moved into one portion (1/3) of the Barracks now occupied by the 331st Signal Company. A stone partition will be erected and the place white-washed before the move is made.

Major WEST will coordinate the painting of Offices, Department signs, etc., He will see that all floors are scrubbed and oiled.

Major WEST as Headquarters Squadron Commander is the Headquarters Commandant and as such is responsible for the appearance, upkeep and happiness of this Headquarters.

All Department Heads will check to see that the places that they have vacated are clean and that all doors are closed and will stay closed. Also the entire area will be well policed.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

One (1) United Kingdom crew assigned to 450th Bomb Gp. Total of five 5 U. K. crews have arrived for month of May.

Colonel HUSH to personally approve all personnel placed on rotation in the future. Replacements will be on hand before sending any one home.

Asked Air Force for Bomb Sight Officers. None available. 450th Bomb Gp will furnish one to 98th and 449th Bomb Gp will furnish one to 376th.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted weekly review of Wing Operations. War Room meetings beginning Wednesday will be in new Headquarters.

Lt BALDWIN, evader speaking on his experiences, sent to 450th Bomb Gp after Sunday and Monday at 449th Bomb Gp.

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A-3 SECTION

Six (6) Navigators from Groups practiced on GEE equipment.

98th Bomb Gp - 18 ships practiced formation flying for 3 hours.
25 ships on bombing range for 3 hours.

450th Bomb Gp- 6 ships practiced formation flying for 2 hours.
8 ships on bombing range for 3 hours.

Two (2) names submitted for Gunnery Officers to attend school at Fort Myers, Florida.

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Monday
15 May 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Visited the Rest Camp at Santa Cesaria and was very much pleased with the entire set-up; both the Officers and Enlisted Mens hotels were neat, clean, and well-run. Mr. Pangalos told me that he needed:

a. Money for music at the meals.

b. Money for the Band for the Dances.

c. Money for essential labor.

d. Pump to pump water up into the enlisted men Hotel for showers.

e. A float built out into the ocean, so the men can swim with comparative safety.

f. Furniture for the enlisted men Hotel.

g. Bath towels.

Mr. Pangalos will work directly under the Chief of Staff.

Col HILLs came up and we discussed the Rest Camp and I went over the deficiences. One of which is, there were too many bosses, now there is only one.

Col HILLS has and is doing an awful lot of work for that Rest Camp.

General TWINING came down and spent the night and will inspect some of the Groups.

Col GRAFF called and asked if the Engineers could fill some tank traps down near San Pancrazio. I will get Lt Col BROWN to check on it.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force authorized an additional 3 EM for rotation on this months quota. They were ordered to report to 22d Replacement Bn today.
( 1 - Hq Sq, 47th Wing )
( 1 - 376th and 1 - 98th Bomb Groups)

A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

Major SULLIVAN and Captain NEFFINGER attended conference at Air Force.

A-1 moved to new Office buildings today.

A-2 SECTION

Advised by C.I.C. that effective immediately U. S. Army personnel are to cease having personal films developed by civilian photographers. All such film is to be processed through the Army Exchange Services and will be subjected to censorship. This process takes about 6 weeks. So informed the Adjutant, who will have the present letter of instructions on this matter rescinded.

Captain WHITE at the 449th Bomb Group on counter intelligence and escape intelligence matters.

A-3 SECTION

All Group CO's notified of new Wing policy of putting best Bombing Group in lead of Wing for 3 missions, then selecting new wing line up for next 3 mission.

Col WARREN, Major APPOLD, Captain HESTER and Captain ELLIOTT spent day on bombing problems and results at 376th and 98th Bomb Groups. Both 376th and 98th recommended we space Groups in column more for better bombing accuracy. This sounds like an excellent idea except on extremely rough missions about 1/3 of our missions have been ruined in part due to two Groups converging.

Navigator, bombing and pathfinder methods were discussed with Group and Squadron staffs. 98th recommends that last 3 Groups in Wing rotate in fairness to all concerned.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

The office moved to its new location today.

Major GAVIN visited the 449th Bomb Gp and Taranto to check on the small pox situation. It was found to be still prevalent and so the restriction must still be enforced.

Col COGLAND is inspecting the Rest Camp at Santa Cesaria.

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Sunday
14 May 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.
(Adjutant's Diary, See Page 3.)

A-1 SECTION

Air Force wants us to submit as large a request as the Headquarters will absorb for limited service enlisted personnel. Col WARNER assures us that these personnel will not be so limited as to interfere with the efficiency of the Headquarters. The purpose of the plan is to fill as many positions as possible in Wing and Higher Headquarters with limited service personnel, thus permitting able-bodied Enlisted Men previously employed in those Headquarters to be transferred to the Tactical Groups.

A-3 has requested us to provide two (2) officers who are, or have been, Gunnery Officers ---- preferably Armament Officers to return to the Zone of Interior for ten (10) weeks. Upon completion of their course these officers will return to their units, will be rated Observers and placed on Flying Status. Air Force A-3 has stated that during their absence, replacements will be provided on DS if they are available.

450th Bomb Gp cannot permit Lt CISTERNINO to be placed DS to Wing Headquarters for a week.

Because of grave shortage of Photo Technicians caused by ground rotation in 376th Bomb Gp, we are placing three (3) Enlisted Men from the 449th Bomb Gp on DS until such time as the replacements arrive.

Seventeen (17) replacements arrived and were assigned as follows:

10 - 98th Bomb Gp
7 - 376th Bomb Gp.

Major SULLIVAN and Captain NEFFINGER will go to Air Force tomorrow to attend an A-1 meeting.

A-2 SECTION

Lt BALDWIN, a successful evader from Yugoslavia, will spend this week talking with Combat crews members in Groups of this Wing. He started at 449th today (accompanied by Capt WHITE of the A-2 Section), and will visit the 450th, 376th and 98th Groups in order. Lt BALDWIN is one of several evaders hand-picked at Nutmeg to brief crews on practical methods of avoiding capture in occupied areas.

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A-2 SECTION (Contd.)

Lt Col THOMAS visited the 449th Bomb Gp. Squadron intelligence rooms are being developed.

Lt Col THOMAS and Captain WHITE attended escape intelligence conference at NUTMEG Saturday afternoon.

A-3 SECTION

Col ZOLLER of Nutmeg training says we must send two (2) Armament Officers back to USA for ten (10) weeks to attend Gunnery School. Cannot send Bombardiers or Navigators. Requested that A-1 get one name from each Group. First two (2) men leave June 1st.

Air Force is transferring the B-25 "Spare-Parts" to 15th Air Force Hq. We are now taking parts from "Spare Parts" to get "Millie" and our new B-25 in shape.

Navigator Lt WOHLERS of 376th Bomb Gp designated to go to 15th Air Force training section.

Nutmeg asked A-3's reaction to combat crew swap with England. Told them it was a waste of time and delayed operations. They (Major Twiggs) agree.

Three (3) replacement aircraft were assigned to 449th Bomb Gp.

Held Group and Squadron Bombardiers meeting. Fourteen (14) Bombardiers of Groups attended. Discussed new methods of Bombing.

Summary of Training conducted by Group:

98th Bomb Group:

1 ship on Gunnery Range for 1 hour.
2 ships on Bombing Range for 2 hours.
1 man practiced on Link Trainer for 1½ hours.

376th Bomb Group:

2 ships on bombing range for 1½ hours each. Dropped 10 bombs.

449th Bomb Group:

Had four (4) local flights.

450th Bomb Group:

2 ships on bombing range for 1 hour.
8 practiced on bomb trainer.
Had 2, three (3) hour Navigational flights.



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A-4 SECTION

Air Force requested and was given the serial numbers of 15 B-24D's for the purpose of exchanging them for 15, B-24H's in the United Kingdom.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Col COGLAND accompanied Major General STEYR (?) on an inspection of the Groups and Hospital.

INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT )
ORDNANCE ) Routine duties.
CHEMICAL WARFARE )
SPECIAL SERVICE )

Adjutant

Headquarters Building # 2 completed, and the following sections move this date:

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| A-1 Section | A-4 Section |
| CWS | Ordnance |
| Signal | Inspection |
| Special Service | Surgeon. |
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Headquarters building # 1 will be ready for occupancy Wednesday, 17 May at which time the remainder of the Headquarters will move.

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Saturday
13 May 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF )
ADJUTANT ) Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Requested Air Force give us immediately 10 Radio Mechanics AAF, 13 Radar Mechanics IFF, 30 airplane and Engine mechanics and Airplane Armorers. Will do their best to get them for us.

Personnel on ground rotation for the last two days may be replaced within their respective units if an overage exists therein in their respective M.O.S.

Air Force requested two skeleton crews to return aircraft to U. S. 1 each furnished from 98th Bomb Gp and 376th Bomb Gp.

Received three (3) crews with aircraft assigned assigned to 449th. 1 crew to 376th (no aircraft).

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS, in response to instructions, left for NUTMEG to attend a conference of Wing A-2's to be held 13 May.

A-3 SECTION

Col ZOLLER, 15th Air Force, visited this section and requested that Range #2, be closed until it could be moved back to the sea shore. Removal of range is in progress now.

A-4 SECTION )
SIGNAL ) Routine duties.

SURGEON

Colonel COGLAND visited the 450th, 449th and 98th Bomb Groups. He discussed the rotation policy with the Group Surgeons and other problems that were discussed at the Wing Surgeons meeting at Air Force, 11 May.

Major GAVIN visited the 68th Tactical Recn Group and examined a number of men for return to the States on rotation at end of tour.

Major GAVIN visited the 1052d M. P. Co in regard to the apprehension of prostitutes.



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Friday
12 May 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

## CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

## ADJUTANT

Orders issued assigning Lt Col THOMPSON to 376th Bomb Group.

Rotation orders received on the following Officers of the Headquarters:

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| Lt Col | BRUCH | |
| Capt | BEAN | |
| Lt | DEGLES | |
| Lt | DEVORE | To depart 15 May 1944. |

## A-1 SECTION

Five replacement crews were received today. Three were assigned to 449th Bomb Gp and two crews assigned to 376th Bomb Gp.

151 men from ~~Headquarters~~ 47th Wing. 98th and 376th Bomb Groups and 68th Tac Rcn Gp (2 only) have been placed on rotation and will report to 22d Replacement Bn on 15 May, per letter orders 15th Air Force, 11 May 1944.

Six (6) enlisted replacements arrived and were assigned as follows: Three (3) to 98th Bomb Gp; Three (3) to 376th Bomb Gp. Qualifications, Basic.

Air Force requested total personnel by the following categories who have been overseas 18 months or longer. Field Grade: 23, Company Grade: 56. First three enlisted grades 451; Al other Enlisted Men 656.

Air Force requested our estimate of combat personnel needs up to 1 June, as follows:

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| P | - 47 |
| CP | - 12 |
| N | - 27 |
| B | - 36 |
| Mech. Gunner | - 69 |
| Radio Gunner | - 43 |
| Armorer Gunner | - 63 |
| Asst Armorer & Rado Gunner | - 23 |



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A-2 SECTION

1st Lt GALE H. GILLAN, 577683, assigned to the Wing A-2 section from the 450th Bomb Gp, replacing Captain CHAMALES, who has departed for the 306th Fighter Wing. Lt GILLAN will assist Captain LINDLEY in the target planning section.

Captain WHITE at Nutmeg attending a conference of counter intelligence officers.

Advised by Colonel BAKER of 62d Service Group, that plywood is available, so resubmitted requisition for enough material for sliding map panels in the new war room.

A-3 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL )
SURGEON ) Routine duties.
INSPECTION )
ARMAMENT )

ORDNANCE

Instituted a check on the supply of brake shoes and springs for 2½ ton Trucks and the finding was that none of the Depots had any stocks on hand. Reported the situation to AirForce. Air Force contacted MTO and requested that the situation be relieved.

CHEMICAL WARFARE ) Routine duties.
SPECIAL SERVICE )

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Thursday
11 May 1944.

D A I L Y ** D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Requested AF to return Lt Burnham of the 450th, who is now at 22nd Replacement Pool awaiting reclassification proceedings, to act as officer courier until his case actually comes up before the Board. Air Force will let us know tomorrow.

The enlisted man who will be responsible for the PX at Santa Cesaria will leave for the Rest Camp tomorrow.

Lt Col Kempton wants the name, rank, and ASN of the B-25 crews assigned to Hqs 68th Tactical Recn. He will transfer these to 12th AF. The remaining personnel are to await the inactivation of the Headquarters by War Department orders.

Major Sullivan payed a brief visit to the Hqs of the 1052nd MP CO and discussed various minor personnel problems with Lt Curry.

A-2 SECTION

Conferred with Lt Col Graff and Major Norton, 376th group, who requested transfer of two intelligence officers in the grade of captain to be replaced by two lieutentants, to eliminate an overage in captains. Will talk to Col Graff concerning a possible exchange.

The wing and each group had been requested to send a counter intelligence officer to a conference at Nutmeg on Friday, but in view of the planned operations the groups were advised it would not be advisable to send anyone. Capt White is representing the Wing and, if necessary, will hold a meeting for group officers the first of the week.

Capt Chamales transferred to 306th Fighter Wing per Par 12, SO 128, Hq 15th AF, dated 7 May.

A-3 SECTION

Capt Burris inspected 450th Bomb Group Personal Equipment Sections, Found conditions unsatifactory. Recommended addtitional housing for storage and care of



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A-3 SECTION CONT'D.

equipment. Setup generally well organized.

Training accomplished by Groups for 10 May 1944.

450th Group - 6 planes on gunnery range, 3 ships on bombing range. Formation in morning on mission returned early.

449th Group - formation in morning on mission returned early. 1 ship on bombing range, trouble with A-5, do not know number of bombs dropped.

98th Group - formation in morning. 2 planes on gunnery range. 1 plane on bombing range, dropped 5 bombs. 2 local test hops.

376th Broup - formation in morning on early mission. 1 ship on bombing range, dropped 5 practice bombs. 2 local test hops.

Training accomplished by Groups for 11 May 1944.

98th Group - 2 ships on bombing range for 3½ hours. Conducted maintenance entire day.

376th Group - 2 ships on bombing range for 3 ½ hours. Transition and slow time. Local flights. 1 ship attempted bombing but range was closed in. Conducted Mickey Navigation meeting.

449th Group - 3 ships on bombing range for 2 hours. 6 practiced on Link Trainer for 6 hours. 14 practiced on bomb trainer for 1 hour. Lectures on following: GEE- Box instructions, attendance 4, hours 3; First Aid, attendence 161, hours 1; Gunnery, attendance 70, hours 1; Aircraft procedure, attendance 16, hours 1; Ditching, attendance 205, hours 2; Location of equipment, attendance 140, hours 1; Checking out on alternate gun positions, attendance 36, hours 1; Safety procedure, attendance 16, hours 1; Flight operations chart, attendance 36, hours 1; Radar equipment, attendance 16, hours 1½ New bombing procedure, attendance 14, hours 2; Emergency radio operating, attendance 16, hours 1; standardization of a/c, attendance 175, hours 1; Gun cleaning, attendance 100, hours 1; Lead crews, attendance 40, hours 1½.

450th Group - 4 ships on gunnery range, 6 ships on bombing range. 6 test and calibration hops.

A-4 SECTION

Routine activities.

SURGEON

Col Cogland attended a Wing Surgeon's meeting at Air Force.

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Wednesday
10 May 1944.

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

## CHIEF OF STAFF

Group Executive Officers were called in and the "Spit and polish", inspections were discussed. Emphasis placed on cleanliness, paint and white-wash. The good points of each Group were pointed out.

After inspecting all of the Groups in the Wing, I'm extremely proud of the different Departments of this Headquarters.

Talked to Lt Col BROWN, Engineer, about the Group Airdromes, expecially about the 1000 foot extensions. He is working on the North extension at Grottaglie, as it is badly needed.

## ADJUTANT

Major POLK (COLORED) of the 366th Infantry, reported in. Our quota of 70 Security Troops will take over the Base Security from, Company B, 734th M. P. Bn, effective 11 May 1944.

## A-1 SECTION

Received directive from MAAF requiring us to replace as many Enlisted Men in Wing Headquarters with limited service personnel.

Air Force stated that Ground personnel placed on the rotation list for April will probably be ordered out, on or about 14th. Remainder of December, January, February, and March are being placed on orders 11, 12, and 13 May. First contingent leaves Wing on 11th.

Distributed an informational Bulletin to all Units on combat rotation. Information contained therein was received verbally from Air Force. Units so informed.

## A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

## A-3 SECTION

Called meeting of Group CO's, S-3 and S-2 officers in Wing planning room at 1400 hours, May 11th.

Colonel WARREN, Major APPOLD, and Capt HESTER spent morning at 376th Bomb Gp on 9 May. All CO's and flight leaders attended conference of methods of improving bombing and FFF tactics.

A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

Groups told to make plan to refuel transients in view of fact that refueling units are no longer assigned to the service group.

15th Air Force contacted on possibility of move to northern bases. Very slim chance says movement section, however, survey of bases might be worth while on long planning.

It is of interest to note that in the past week of training on gunnery, 89,420 rounds of ammunition were expended.

A-4 SECTION

Called P.E.O. at NUTMEG requesting procurement of ditching belts. Advised that new ditching procedure is being devised involving moving crew members further back in plane and cutting hatch in roof of fuselage. This will eliminate the necessity for ditching belt therefor manufacture of same is abandoned.

SIGNAL

Lt VETTER, RCM, reported for duty and is being assigned to the 450th Bomb Group.

Colonel LINGARD visited the Wing Signals Officer and inspected the 450th and 449th Bomb Groups. Aircrafts of both Groups were inspected. Colonel DOTY requested from Col LINGARD a VHF "B" channel to be used by the 47th Wing only. This would give this Wing a VHF channel to be used for inter-Group communications. Col LINGARD will check and give us an answer in a few days.

SURGEON )
INSPECTION ) Routine duties.
ARMAMENT )

ORDNANCE

Cleared up the necessary details for the release of Bomb Service Trailers from the Depot No. 11. Immediately notified the Group Ordnance Officers to initiate steps to send all unserviceable Bomb Service Trailers to Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Company and they in turn will turn them over to the Depot who will issue new Bomb Service Trailers in lieu of them.

CHEMICAL WARFARE )
SPECIAL SERVICE ) Routine duties.

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9 May 1944
Tuesday

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Colonel MAXWELL, Air Inspector, 15th Air Force visited the Headquarters.

A-1 SECTION

Lt BROBECK, the A-2 Officer Courier was ordered to report to Air Force for five (5) days. A substitute courier was obtained from the 449th Bomb Gp and this duty will be rotated among the Groups until Lt BROBECKs return.

Air Force required the names of two (2) officers in the grade of Captain or Major to be placed DS to the Ground Forces for an indefinite period. Following Officers' names were submitted:

98th Bomb Gp - Major DON C. PARKS
376th Bomb Gp - Capt ROYAL J. BROCK.

These Officers will report at 0930 hours, 10 May with full field equipment to Major HITT at 15th Air Force. Both officers have completed fifty (50) missions.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS to NUTMEG with the Wing Commander and Lt Col WARREN for a conference called by Air Force.

Advised A-1 that Captain WHITE was to be designated as Orientation Officer. Captain WHITE will conduct an orientation meeting for all Enlisted Men of this Headquarters in the War Room at 1845 hours each Wednesday beginning 17 May 1944.

Conducted weekly news and operations conference for service units, after which Colonel HILLS reported he is providing 40 chairs for War Room.

A-3 SECTION

Captain BURRIS, Personal Equipment Officer visited 449th Bomb Gp this afternoon.

Further instructions in GEE Operation were given to six (6) navigators from 450th Bomb Gp and six (6) from 98th Bomb Gp.

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A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Signal Officer, 15th Air Force, called and stated that a RCM trained Officer had been assigned to the 47th Wing. Also that there are eighteen (18) sets of RCM equipment on hand and an installation team would start installing this equipment in the ships of the 450th Bomb Group within the next few days.

SURGEON

Routine duties.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

ARMAMENT

A meeting of Group Armament Officers to stress maintenance on PFF ships. Strong emphasis on A-5 and C-1 Auto-pilot. At least four (4) ships per Squadron will be in perfect condition. Two Enlisted Men from 449th Bomb Gp and 450th Bomb Gp are being sent on DS to NUTMEG for one (1) weeks intensive training in C-1 Auto-pilot maintenance.

At least half the gunners of this Command have fired on the Gunnery Range. The single complaint is desire for more targets... course too short. Skeet shooting and rifle shooting has been conducted at all Groups. 450th Bomb Gp is constructing a "Jeep Pursuit Curve". The Jeep drives in a circle and gunner fires a sub-machine gun (with spade grips) at targets placed similar to Air-to-Ground Range.

Each Group has a Martin upper turret and Sperry lower in a mock-up stand to be used for training. Power units have been difficult to secure, but finally broken loose.

Expect construction of newest and biggest Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range to be finished withing 10 days.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Went to Bari for conference with Chemical Officer on a new Incendiary Bomb which will soon be available. If reports which we now have on the Bomb are correct it will be the answer to a long felt need in the Incendiary field. It is heavy, aimable, and should have excellent penetration.

Continued to acquire G.I. clothes for the Italian Mess personnel. Three men are equipped at present, and the fourth will be supplied in the next day or two. Clothes are being purchased from the Officers' Mess Fund.

SPECIAL SERVICE

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Tuesday
9 May 1944

D-A-I-L-Y * D-I-A-R-Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Colonel RUSH, Lt Col WILSON, MURRAY, Major McCONNELL, Captain BEAN and I inspected the 450th Bomb Group Headquarters; could be in much in better shape. All barracks (wooden) clean, but terribly dingy. Tents were in excellent condition, especially stone huts. Messes were all in excellent condition, especially the 720th, 721st, and 723rd. All latrines were in exceptionally good shape.

The Engineering Sections, 720th, 721st and 723rd Squadrons were in excellent condition, neat, clean, and business like.

Recommended painting and white-wash to Group Executive Officer and he is going to accept the hint.

In the afternoon we inspected the 449th Bomb Group. The Airdrome was in exceptionally good shape, except for the 1000 feet extension to the North there is a bad ditch at the end of this runway. The Aircraft were well dispersed and each aircraft was clean and each crewchief had a small shed made out of two bomb bay baggage racks, this shed housed their CC stands, jacks, etc.,.

The Headquarters sections were in fair shape. 716th Bomb Sq, Major Silverstein, Commanding was the only Squadron in permanent buildings. The barracks were dingy, not to well cleaned and needed paint bad; the area around the barracks needed cleaning. The Mess was fair. The Group movies are held in the Mess Hall, which is no help towards keeping it clean. The Operations, Armament, Tech Supply, Navigator, Bombardier Offices were in excellent condition. This Squadron has an Oxygen Cart of 14 cylinders mounted in a two-wheel trailer, this made an excellent set-up for recharging the oxygen supply in Aircraft.

717th Bomb Squadron, Capt Sass, Commanding, had done a Superior job in his Unit, because his tent areas both Officers and Enlisted Men were well dispersed, clean and in excellent condition, with the grass and weeds cut around the tents. His orderly Room, kitchen, Messes, Supply and Tech Supply were in excellent condition. The No. 1 Squadron," 718th Bomb Squadron, Captain Nosker, Commanding. The Orderly Room, Day Room, Officers Club, Kitchen and Messes were in excellent condition. The tent area was fair, but could stand a great deal of weed and grass cutting.

719th Bomb Squadron, Captain Swan, Commanding (In the Hospital, combat casualty). The Orderly Room, Kitchen and Messes needed cleaning, the tent area was not policed any too well. This units Executive Officer needs a fire built under him. "Spit and Polish missing".

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CHIEF OF STAFF (Contd.)

The 717th Bomb Squadron was the outstanding Squadron in the Groups, by far. Captain Sass has an excellent Squadron at least to the Inspectors eye.

ADJUTANT

Lt Colonel BROCK, IGD, 15th Air Force reported and accompanied by Wing Administrative Inspector, departed for Inspection of 376th Bomb Group.

Lt Colonel THOMPSON reported for duty.

A-1 SECTION

Combat Crew Rotation:

Not more than 10% of total authorized combat strength may be submitted for rotation on DS (Basis of strength 96 crews per Group).

After the 10% on DS has been reached others (number unlimited) may be rotated on permanent change of station basis.

Any others may be rotated if a certificate from the Unit Surgeon is made that the individual will not be able to resume operational duty for 90 days. Request for rotation will be in letter form initiated by Group Commander, stating whether DS or permanent change of station. If DS a statement that this amount submitted will not exceed the 10% authorized quota. Report of examination by the Flight Surgeon and his findings will be included. Also a statement that the individuals efficiency has been so lowered that it would adversely affect the efficiency of the Unit.

A-2 SECTION

Advised Group S-2s as to the importance of improving the amount and quality of information being received at this headquarters concerning operations and effectiveness of PFF equipment.

2nd Lt ROSCOE D. ROLAND reported from NUTMEG and was assigned to the 98th Bomb Group for training as an intelligence officer. He is a grounded flying officer.

A-3 SECTION

Lt Colonel WARREN, Major APPOLD and Captain HESTER spent morning with key flying personnel of 449th Bomb Gp and afternoon with same personnel of 450th Bomb Gp.

Bombing, PFF, auto-pilot and other techniques to improve wing bombing covered as well as numerous policies which Wing C.O. or CofS had expressed. Very good reaction to plan of more PFF coordination and instruction. A-3 plans to periodically send all Groups comparative analysis of bombing standings.



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A-4 SECTION

Received notice that there are four (4) Link Trainers for this Wing. They are being picked up by the Service people today.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Lt OELRICH inspected the Hotel and personnel at Lecce. He also took dust guns down to spray the bedding of the Hotel.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

ARMAMENT )
CHEMICAL WARFARE ) Routine duties.
SPECIAL SERVICE )

End.....



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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7 May 1944
Sunday

D-A-I-L-Y D-I-A-R-Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Brig. General BORN called about the poor bombing of the 98th Bomb Gp at BRASOV. He says that the 47th should be stood down to train in formation flying and bombing.

Colonel RUSH, Lt Col MURRAY, CASSELL, WILSON, Captain BEAN and I inspected the 98th and 376th Bomb Groups. The 98th was in excellent shape, all Squadron Orderly Rooms, Mess, Supplies, Clubs and Day Rooms were almost spotless. The barracks were in fair shape, although the Officers Quarters, were far below the Enlisted Men in appearance and condition. The Enlisted quarters (Tents) in the 345th Squadron were unique, neat and clean. The Group Headquarters was almost unrecognizable in that it was so orderly, neat and clean. Colonel GRAY and Lt Col FRANKS (Executive) have done an excellent job.

After lunch we inspected the 376th Bomb Group. The Headquarters was in fair condition but needed paint. 513th, 515th and 514th were in very good shape, but they need paint and white wash. The Engineering sections were in excellent shape. The 512th Squadron was out-standing, the Mess, Club, Orderly Room, Tech Supply etc., were very very neat, clean and the building had been white washed. The tents in this Squadron were much better dispersed than in the other Squadrons. All in all the 376th Bomb Group was way behind the 98th Bomb Group in improvement over the last inspection two months ago.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Requested information about the inactivation of the 68th Tactical Rcn Group from 15th Air Force. Status is still pending, awaiting orders from higher headquarters.

A total of 57 Enlisted Men are at 22d Replacement Pool for assignment to us. 22 of these are replacements for Ground rotation personnel.

Informed Air Force that Colonel RUSH does not desire the assignment of Lt Colonel ROGERS.

Air Force requested permission to transfer Captain CHAMALES to 306th Wing.



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A-2 SECTION

Nutmeg had hand picked several airmen who have succeeded in returning after landing in enemy territory, and will make one of these available to this Wing about 15 May to talk to combat crews about their experiences. It is believed this will add interest and "meat" to the escape briefings.

A-3 SECTION

All Group Commanders notified of the following:

a. Lead and Deputy Lead Aircraft in each section will have bombardier or navigator in the nose turret to facilitate target recognition and navigation.

b. All Group Commanders advised of policy to select most capable and experienced leader when Group leads Wing.

Effective 3 May 1944, Group Bombardiers will submit weekly training report on practice missions for lead crews, bomb trainer time, lectures and ground classes.

A-4 SECTION

Service Group has prucured 1500 square feet of screening for transient Hotel at Lecce and Rest Camp which will be in place in a few days.

Major Condo of Service Group was in for conference and coffee.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN visited the Hotel and Restaurant at Lecce.

ORDNANCE )
ARMAMENT )
CHEMICAL WARFARE ) Routine duties.
SPECIAL SERVICE )

End....

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

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Saturday
6 May 1944

D A I L Y ** D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Wing Commander made a departmental inspection this morning and he was highly pleased with the appearence of the departments. The following departments were in exceptionally good condition:

A-1 and Statistical
A-2 and Photo Lab.
A-3
A-4 and Medical
Inspection
Special Service
Hq Sq and 331st Sig Co.

The Officer's Mess and kitchen, and certain departments of the Signal Section could stand further improvement.

ADJUTANT

Routine Duties

A-1 SECTION

Informed by 15th AF that combat crew rotation policies are still awaiting approval.

Air Force stated that any 2nd Lt who was formerly MIA and becomes an "Evader" may be promoted to 1st Lt AUS-aC without regards to any vacancies or positions if his former unit commander will recommend him. They stated that this action would be approved by them even though the officer is actually no longer a member of the 15th AF. They further stated that it was the desire of the CG AAF that all 2nd Lieutenants worthy of promotion be promoted prior to their return to the US.

Major Sullivan and two of the enlisted classification specialists visited the A-1 Section of 15th AF and discussed 15th Air Force interpretations of Army Classification. Col Warner assured us of a fair percentage of the 1200 replacements that are due very shortly and mentioned that the replacements for ground personnel rotated on the last list were now at MAAF and would be ordered to their respective Groups immediately.

Received advance copies of two directives one a 15th AF Memo on Combat Crew Replacement and the other a NATOUSA letter on ground rotation.



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A-2 SECTION

Routine Duties.

A-3 SECTION

Capt Elliott delivered GEE MAPS to 98th and 376th Groups.

Summary of todays practice mission for Lead Crews:

98th sent up ships but no report available as they are still flying.

376th sent up 1 ship. Pilot Lt Wood, dropped 5 bombs on Range #1 at 15,000 ft. Other lead ship and crew went on mission.

449th sent up 1 ship. Pilot Major Silverstein, Bombardier Lt Noel. Dropped 5 bombs.

450th sent up 2 ships. Each ship dropped 5 bombs.

A-4 SECTION

Routine Duties.

SIGNAL SECTION

Routine Duties.

SURGEON

Routine Duties.

ORDNANCE

Concluded a tour of inspection with Major Frampton, Ordnance Officer, Eight Air Force, the following organization were on itinerant: 449th Bomb Group; 450th Bomb Group; 98th Bomb Group; Ordnance Officer 62nd Service Group; Major Nelson, Commanding Officer Depot No. 11 at Francavilla; 1627th Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Company; 1647th Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Company; and 1739th Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Company

ARMAMENT )
CHEMICAL WARFARE ) Routine duties.
SPECIAL SERVICE )

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APO 520 US ARMY

Friday
5 May 1944

D A I L Y ** D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Colonels DOTY, HARTWIG, COGLAND, Major MILLER and I visited some Airdromes in the Termoli-Lake Lesina area and found them in fair shape, although both are highly malarious, as there are swamps, lakes and rivers surrounding both of them. The runways are 5500 x 150 and 6000 x 150, both can be extended and widened. There will be two weeks of hard work required of the Engineers on both Airdromes to make them B-24 worthy. One is on the Beach (we saw many swimmers) the other is about 2 miles from the Adriatic.

Major MILLER and I had lunch with Lt Colonel SUDDER, Commanding Officer, 325th Fighter Group and his Staff. All fighter pilots told how difficult it was to escort loose, stringy formations.

ADJUTANT

The following reassignment of Officers of this Command effected this date:

a. Captain PARKER relieved from assignment as Wing Rest Camp Officer and assigned to duty with Hq Sq.

b. Lt MERRIAM relieved from assignment to Hq Sq and assigned to Hq 909th Air Base Security Bn.

c. WOJG PANGALOS relieved from assignment Hq 909th Air Base Security Bn, assigned to Hq 47th Wing and detailed to duty as Wing Rest Camp Officer. Mr. PANGALOS was formerly manager of 15th Air Force Rest Camp installations on the Isle of Capri.

A-1 SECTION

There are now two (2) methods of sending Combat Crews on rotation to the United States, on DS or permanent transfer. The choice is the responsibility of the Unit Commander. For permanent transfer 50 combat missions is a prerequisite. For DS, prolonged combat duty is normally the reason for sending combat crew members to the U.S. ( For Rest and Rehabilitation).



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A-2 SECTION

One untrained 2nd Lieutenant reported for S-2 duty. He will substitute for Lt MERRIAM as one of the officer couriers while being trained in this Section, and then be assigned the 449th Bomb Group.

Lt GILLAN reported on DS from 450th Bomb Group.

Captain WHITE, newly appointed training officer, visited the 450th Bomb Group.

A-3 SECTION

Received new GEE maps on relocation of the GEE Stations which will be delivered to Groups tomorrow, in order that the GEE position lines may be checked between 6th May and 12th May.

15th Air Force letter removes bombing and gunnery range #1 from 47th Wing control. Letter states future control will be vested in A-3 Training Section, 15th Air Force. Ranges #2 and #3 are being assigned to 5th Wing.

Lt HART visited 376th Bomb Group and inspected Sperry Bombsight and A-5 Maintenance.

449th Bomb Group sent up 1 ship on practice mission for Lead Crews. Pilot Lt MEAD and Bombardier Lt DEWLEY. Did not drop bombs due to undercast.

376th Bomb Group sent up 8 ships with Lt FOWLER leading. No bombs dropped due to overcast.

450th Bomb Group sent up 1 ship. Pilot, Colonel GIDEON, Bombardier Lt GOTTFRIED. Dropped 5 bombs on A-5.

98th Bomb Group sent up ships but no information available at time of this report.

A-4 SECTION

Lt Col HARTWIG to survey new possible sites for units this day.

All construction is suspended until further notice.

Capt BURRIS to Lecce to survey requirements of Hotel and Restaurant for insect control.

SIGNAL )
SURGEON )
ORDNANCE ) Routine duties.
ARMAMENT )
CHEMICAL WARFARE )
SPECIAL SERVICE )

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Thursday
4 May 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Directive received from 15th Air Force listing tentative schedule of Annual General Inspection of Units of this Command:

| | |
|---|---|
| May 8 - 13 | 376th Bombardment Group (H) |
| May 14 - 15 | Co. B, 734th MP Battalion |
| May 16 - 20 | 98th Bombardment Group (H) |
| May 21 - 23 | 909th Air Base Security Battalion |
| May 24- 25 | HQ. 47th Bomb Wing and HQ Squadron |
| May 26 - 27 | 331st Signal Company (Wg) |
| May 28 - 29 | HQ. 68th Tactical Reconnaissance Group |

This Headquarters to furnish the services of the Wing Administrative Inspector and a qualified motor vehicle inspector to accompany the Inspector General on all Inspection tours.

Lt Col CASSELL furnished copy of this directive and is notifying all units in sufficient time to permit proper coordination.

A-1 SECTION

Discussed with Captain KIRK, 15th Air Force, the receipt of Combat Crew members who hold rank in excess of that authorized by present T/O's. Informed him that Major SULLIVAN would take the matter up personally with Col WARREN tomorrow.

Major SULLIVAN is to consult Col WARNER, A-1, 15th Air Force tomorrow.

Another new policy on the return of Combat Personnel to the Zone of the Interior is on its way down to us.

A-2 SECTION

On his return from Nutmeg, Lt Col THOMAS conducted a conference of all Group S-2's on escape briefings and map supply problems. In contrast to previous directives, escape officers will hereafter

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A-2 SECTION (Contd.)

interrogate evaders on their return to the unit in order to obtain as much practical information as possible for use in subsequent escape briefings.

Capt K. M. White, O-904657, reported for duty in the A-2 Section.

Thirty (30) new bombardiers combat target folders distributed to each Group. These permit handling of maps and photographs in transparent envelopes.

Conferred with Major KIRK, MTO map supply officer, on map supply problems.

A-3 SECTION

Captain BURRIS, Wing Personal Equipment Officer, called 15th Air Force Personal Equipment Officer and arranged to visit his office on the 6th for conference and study of methods and procedure.

Major MILLER, Asst A-3, went out on landing field survey of Northern Italy.

Meeting of Group Bombardiers. Colonel ZOLA, Captain BROWN, and Captain MARKOWITZ of 8th Air Force gave a short lecture on 8th Air Force bombing improvement.

1 B-24 collapsed nose wheel on take-off at Neutral. No one injured minor damage to aircraft. 1 - B-24 at Manduria had engine fail on take-off. No one was injured. Aircraft demolished. . Investigation underway.

449th Bomb Group sent up 1 lead crew. Pilot Capt NOSKER, Bombardier Lt FINCH. No bombs were dropped. Dry runs.

376th Bomb Group sent up 3 lead crews. Lt Mayer lead. No bombs dropped. Dry runs.

450th Bomb Group sent up 1 lead crew. Pilot Major SMITH, Bombardier Lt Carr. Dropped 5 bombs on A-5.

98th Bomb Group sent up ships but no information available as they are still flying at the time of this report.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.



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SIGNAL

Lt Col DOTY left with Colonel KYLE to inspect and make a survey of Airfields north of FOGGIA.

Installation of Sigcum to Groups was completed today. Messages have been transmitted via Sigcum and operation is good. All Groups are receiving very well.

W/O McINTIRE of 5th Wing paid an informal visit to the Signal Section of this Wing. He was shown the communication set-up for this Headquarters. W/O McINTIRE was mildly surprised and commented that the installation and arrangement of equipment was the best he has seen in a Wing Headquarters. Several forms were given to him to take back to the 5th Wing with a view to assisting them in perfecting their communications problems.

SURGEON

Routine duties.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

ARMAMENT

Routine duties.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

End.....



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APO 520 US ARMY

Wednesday
3 May 1944

D A I L Y * D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Major STINSON, 15th Air Force, Provost Marshal, with two Provost Marshal Officers from NATOUSA, they had inspected the 1052nd Military Police Co (Avn) and had found the Company in excellent condition.

Colonel HILLS came by to ask about the location for 366th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, which should arrive today (w/o vehicles). Colonel HILLS, THOMAS (Wing Defense Officer) and Colonel HARTWIG ~~Would~~ reorganize the Security Defense of the 47th Wing, since the 909th Air Base Security Bn has most of it now. A Captain PENROSE, (Colored), from this Regiment, reported in and Colonel HILLS and Lt Col HARTWIG took him in tow.

Inspected Airdromes in the San Severo-Termoli area for a possible new 47th Wing location. Airdromes looked Okay but will make a detailed survey of two of them this afternoon, with Col COGLAND, MURRAY, HARTWIG, DOTY and Major MILLER.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Six (6) Enlisted Men were transferred to 485th Bomb Gp from 376th and 450th Groups on request of Air Force.

98th Group submitted name of a Staff Sergeant who wished to take training to become a combat motion picture camera operator.

One (1) crew without airplane was assigned to 450th Bomb Gp (Replacements).

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col SULLIVAN (Nutmeg) telephoned that two (2) untrained 2nd Lieutenants would be assigned (arriving tomorrow) to 47th Wing for Intelligence duties.

Lt Col THOMAS conferred with A-2 at Nutmeg.

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A-3 SECTION

Two (2) new aircraft reported in and were assigned as follows:

1 - 98th Bomb Group
1 - 376th Bomb Group.

Lt Col WARREN reported for duty as A-3.

Summary of todays practice mission for Lead Crews:

98th Bomb Gp did not send up a ship, but will use crew that practiced 2nd May for tomorrows mission.

376th Bomb Gp sent up 1 ship. Pilot Major Smith, Bombardier, Lt Wolf. Dropped 3 bombs.

449th Bomb Gp sent up 1 ship. Pilot Lt Meade, Bombardier, Capt Nugent. Dropped 5 bombs.

450th Bomb Gp did not send up a ship but will use the Lead Crew that practiced 2 May for tomorrows mission.

A-4 SECTION

15 Officers and 335 Enlisted Men (from teletype), of the 366th Infantry (Colored) to report in here the 4th or 5th of May for Security Duty.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Major PETTERSON, Surgeon, 449th Bomb Group brought in a map of his area showing the places malaria control measures are needed.

Major NUTTALL, 376th Bomb Group conferred with Col COGLAND on the preparation of Medical statistical reports. The original 86ab has been revised and will be used next week for the first time.

Major GAVIN reported the Italian lack of drugs to Air Force after a visit to the 98th Bomb Group yesterday. Air Force is attempting to procure drugs for the Italians at that field.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

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ORDNANCE

Major CULLEN, 15th Air Force Ordnance Technical Officer is visiting this office.

Major FROMPTON, Eighth Air Force Ordnance Officer, is a guest of this office. Major FROMPTON is on a tour of the 15th Air Force Ordnance Sections to analyze comparative ordnance services. Accompanied Majors CULLEN and FROMPTON to the 449th Bomb Group.

ARMAMENT

Routine duties.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

MESS and CLUB

Contacted Major WEST on the matter of screening the Mess, and have the information that this will be completed as of 4 May 1944. The doors and essential windows will be done at this time. Netting will be used on the windows as a temporary measure, pending the expected moving of the Mess.

Continued to acquire G.I. clothes for the Italians employed in the Mess, using Mess Funds for the purchases. These are given to the Italian help, and will be returned when their services are terminated with this organization.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

Tuesday
2 May 1944

D A I L Y ** D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Departments are becoming extremely lax in Black-Out Regulation.

Since May 1 to 7 is Clean-Up week, all Departments will be inspected by Colonel RUSH Saturday.

ADJUTANT

Colonel WARREN, 376th Bomb Group, assigned to this Headquarters and detailed to duty as ACofS A-3. Reported for duty 0900 hours, 2 May 1944.

Received information from Major STALEY, 15th Air Force Defense Officer that Company "B", 734th Military Police Bn was being relieved from this command and being replaced by 70 colored troops from an Infantry Regiment. New troops will arrive on or about 4 May 1944.

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A-1 SECTION

Received one partial crew from United Kingdom. Received 3 Replacements crews. 1 to 98th Bomb Gp. 1 to 450th Bomb Gp. 1 Unassigned.

Air Force wants a Captain or Major (Pilot) for Staff work. Negative report from Groups. MTO wants a 1st Lt., or Captain for Staff duty. Negative report from Groups.

We received 22 Ground replacements of various classifications. They have been assigned to each Group where they are most needed.

We are setting up an Office for the classification specialists (EM) so that they can begin operations, in the former tailor shop.

A-2 SECTION

Nutmeg A-2 reported that three (3) Intelligence Officers, one Captain and two (2) Lieutenants, would arrive for duty in this Wing within the next few days.

Conducted weekly War Room review.

A-3 SECTION

Eight (8) new aircraft arrived and were assigned as follows:

1 - 98th Bomb Gp
3 - 376th Bomb Gp
1 - 449th Bomb Gp
3 - 450th Bomb Gp

Summary of todays practice missions for lead crews.

98th Bomb Group sent 1 ship. Pilot Lt Delano, Dropped 5 bombs on AFCC.

376th Bomb Group sent up 2 ships. Pilots, Lt Olds and Lt Fowler. Each ship dropped 5 bombs on AFCC. Bombardiers were Lt Wolf and Lt Goodman.

449th Bomb Group sent up 1 ship. Pilot Major Tope. Dropped 5 bombs on PDI. Bombardier was Lt Mills.

450th Bomb Group sent up 2 ships. Pilots were Major Snaith and Capt Killman. Bombardiers were Lt Carr and Lt Kaelfuss. Each ship dropped 3 bombs on A-5.

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A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Lt Col DOTY spent the day at the 376th Bomb Group and inspected all Communications Sections.

Visited Capt HARTMAN of the Pathfinder Group. This Unit now has six officers and twenty six Enlisted Men and is operating satisfactorily. They are still waiting for the road to be repaired from their building to the taxi strip. This repair job was promised by the Engineers over two weeks ago, but to date nothing has been started.

SURGEON

Lt Col COGLAND reported back after a trip to Cairo.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Defused one, 100 lb. M30, Bomb which dropped near Taranto by one of the Groups during practice manuevers.

Submitted request to Service Group to make available additional skeet ammunition to units of this Command. The proper authority to expand this ammunition had been received from Air Force.

Pursuant to request from Air Force assisted two Italian Officers in adapting an Italian band onto an American General Purpose 1,000 lb. bomb.

Requested the 98th Bomb Group Ordnance Officer to make a report on Truck, 2½ ton, 6 x 6 whose four brake drums were scored.

ARMAMENT

A meeting of Group Gunnery Officers was held Monday. Lt HECKER, Gunnery instructor from 15th Air Force explained several new training devices that may be constructed by Service Squadrons. Gunnery Officers were advised that early returns would go on Gunnery Range if cause of early return was not mechanical. Eleven crews of this Wing fired on range yesterday. Two skeet ranges are complete and two rifle ranges are available for practice firing.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.



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APO 520 US ARMY

Monday
1 May 1944

D A I L Y * D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force informed us that we would receive 8 white enlisted men and 30 colored enlisted men very shortly. There are now 18 enlisted men at the 22d Replacement Pool who will be brought down tomorrow.

Three enlisted classification specialists arrived today. We decided to operate them as a team to go from unit to unit within the Wing until all classification was completed.

Air Force wants an aerial gunner with approximately 10 missions to go to 15th Air Force for training as a motion picture camera operator for aerial motion pictures. 376th Bomb Group was contacted but has given no answer as yet.

Captain FORREST visited the 98th Bomb Group and talked with Col GRAY, Col HOOVER, Col FRANK, and Major GUEST. Everything appears to be satisfactory.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Nine (9) aircraft arrived and were assigned as follows:

1 - 98th Bomb Group
1 - 376th Bomb Group
3 - 449th Bomb Group
4 - 450th Bomb Group

Summary for todays practice mission for Lead Crews:

98th sent up 2 ships, Pilots, Capt MAHAFFIE and Lt OSTRANDER. Capt MAHAFFIE dropped 2 bombs and Lt OSTRANDER dropped 5 bombs.

376th sent up a 28 ship practice mission with 2 lead crews. No bombs were dropped as practice bombs were not available.



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A-3 SECTION (Contd.)

449th did not send up a ship today. Lead crew which was sent up 30 March, will be used for tomorrow's mission.

450th sent up one ship, Pilot, Major SNAITH. Dropped 3 bombs.

A-4 SECTION

Visited A-4 Section, 15th Air Force yesterday, relative electric suits and vehicles, critical shortage on both. No help at present, but they will push items for us.

SIGNAL

Lt Col DOTY inspected all Communications Sections of the 450th Bomb Group. All Sections of this Group are in fine shape. One Squadron requested instruction on VHF maintenance. An instructor will be sent from the Wing Section to help this Squadron.

Signal Officer, 15th Air Force, called and stated that GEE and CRM mechanics would be sent down to this Wing in the next few days. The GEE mechanics will be assigned to all Groups and the CRM mechanics will be assigned to the 450th Bomb Group. These are the first mechanics with GEE and CRM training to be assigned this Wing.

A new Daily and 100 Hour Communication Inspection Form has been prepared by the Wing Signal Office and will be standard for use by Communications Sections of this Wing. These forms will list all airborne communications failures and the corrective action taken.

Installation of Sigcum from Wing Headquarters to Groups was started this date.

Line maintenance of this Wing has been taken over by a detachment of the 450th Construction Battalion.

SURGEON

Routine duties.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.



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Sunday
30 April 1944.

# D A I L Y ** D I A R Y

## CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

## ADJUTANT

Major VAN SICKLE departed this AM for 98th Bomb Group.

Captain FITZGERALD relieved from DS Provisional M. P. Co, returned to his proper organization, Company B, 734th M. P. Bn and assumed command thereof.

Lt Colonel WILSON relieved from DS with Company B, 734th M. P. Co, and returned to this Headquarters for duty.

25 GI bicycles delivered to 62d Service Group for use at Wing Rest Camp. As soon as they are assembled they will be turned over to Wing.

## A-1 SECTION

Air Force requested the names of 2 officers who speak French fluently to return to the U.S. with a group of French students. Submitted names of two ground officers in 98th Bomb Group.

Following communication personnel will arrive shortly and will be assigned as per agreement with Lt Colonel DOTY:

2 - Radio Mechanics
9 - Gee Mechanics
6 - RCM Mechanics.

Air Force wants a Captain or Major (Pilot) for staff work at 15th and a Lt. or Captain (Pilot) for staff work at MAAF. Will see if Groups wish to recommend someone.

## A-2 SECTION

Letter to all Groups requesting that greater emphasis be put on recognition training in Russian aircraft.

Capt JAMES S. WHYTAL, O-426221, reported for assignment, sent to 450th Bomb Group as replacement for Squadron intelligence officer who has been sent to a general hospital.



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A-3 SECTION

Summary of today's practice missions for Lead Crews:

98th Bomb Gp sent up one ship, Pilot Saborsky. Dropped 5 practice bombs on range #1, at 15,000.

376th sent up two ships but dropped no bombs due to bad weather.

449th sent up one ship, Pilot Nosker.

450th sent up one ship, Pilot Major Snaith. Checked aircraft but dropped no bombs due to bad weather.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

The teleprinter Carrier CF-2 has been installed and is now in operation.

SURGEON

Routine duties.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Secured Ammunition Expenditure authority for 3,000, Bomb, Practice 100 lb. M38A2, complete round to be used in training of units in this Command.

Submitted request to Air Force for Technical Manuals on .50 caliber Aircraft Machine Gun.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

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APO 520 US ARMY

Saturday
29 April 1944.

D A I L Y ** D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Clean-Up-Week, May 1 - 7. So let's shake this place down.

WHITE-WASH won't hurt these stone walls, so I have been told by the Air Inspector (He is doing his walls).

Uniform change May 15th.

ALL Staff Sections (General and Special), turn in by May 2 1944:

a. Functional Charts.
b. Organizational Charts.

Major WALTERS and I inspected the 331st Signal Co (Wg) at 0930 hours. Captain PAGANO has a very very neat Headquarters. There was much room for improvement, throughout the barracks and tents. The Mess and Day Room were in excellent shape.

Brig General ATKINSON flew down for lunch, after which he drove up to the 35th Station Hospital and decorated Captain SWAN, 449th Bomb Group. He commented on the fact that we should not experience any trouble in getting replacement aircraft or crews.

ADJUTANT

Colonel GRAY asked that Major VAN SICKLE be assigned to 98th Bomb Group as Squadron Commander. Received approval from Wing A-3 and issued orders this date.

A-1 SECTION

Orders being issued placing Special Navigators on DS with Units to which their aircraft are assigned.

Four (4) colored EM reassigned from 734th M.P. Bn to the 909th ABS Bn. Five (5) men from the 734th M.P Bn will be transferred to the Replacement Center #7-D. This brings the 734th M.P. Bn to authorized strength as required by NATOUSA.

P.F.F. Mechanics on DS with 376th Bomb Group returned to their parent units.



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A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

Air Force requested two (2) EM for DS to them. One was a radio announcer and they were told they could have him if they gave us a suitable replacement. The other was a link trainer specialist. We said we would send him if it were an order but we preferred to keep him as he was the only one we had. They canceled their request for this man.

Air Force called to see if we could use a Lt Colonel who had been on the Air Staff, Washington, D. C. Specialized in Training and Operational staff duties. Will give them a decision 30 April after decision of Colonel RUSH.

Notified that the new replacement policy was "all personnel with aircraft would report to 41st A.D. Group at Gioia. Air Force would assign them" and sent them out immediately.

Four (4) crews arrived out of 6 or 7 promised. Five (5) more due to be picked up from 55th Wing tomorrow. One (1) aircraft arrived and sent to 49th Wing.

Requested Major WEST make a survey of all general duty and other personnel who are not efficiently performing their duty. In other words clean out personnel who are of no value to us.

Requested from Air Force if we could transfer clerks from the 68th due to shortages existing in other units of Wing. Told to hold up for a while as we would probably get all of them anyway.

449th Bomb Group called in regards to difficulty involved in the presentation of Silver Star Medals by Brig General ATKINSON. They had only one (1) medal and were under the impression that the General would bring the medals with him. They were informed as to the correct procedures for obtaining all medals.

Air Force said that replacements would be furnished us for our Ground personnel who have been transferred out, as soon as transportation was available. Informed them that at the present rate it was imperative that we be furnished these replacements with a minimum delay.

Major SULLIVAN visited the Hotel in Lecce and the 98th Bomb Group on his way to Santa Cesaria. The Hotel is running very satisfactorily except for the fact that the 4th Field Hospital took their 30 cots with them when they left. It is probable that we can get wooden beds and springs from the Rest Camp Officer, 15th Air Force to make up for this deficiency.

Time did not permit visiting all Squadrons of the 98th, but the Headquarters was visited and the 345th Sq;at the 345th, arrangements were concluded for the Orchestra to play for the Enlisted Mans Dance at the Rest Camp on the 3rd May. Sergeant SHARKEY, who is the band manager, accompanied Major SULLIVAN to the Rest Camp to get an idea of the

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A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

physical set-up. The Lecce detachment of the Military Police Co was also visited and appeared to be operating in a very satisfactory manner.

The sanitary facilities at both Hotels at Santa Cesaria were inspected by Major GAVIN and Major SULLIVAN and it is felt that they are satisfactory, with the addition of screening and normal precautious. Arrangements will be made to procure mosquito bars for the Rest Camps immediately. There was the possibility that the water would be turned off at both Hotels for a period of 15 days. However, Major SULLIVAN straightened this out with the Water Company at Lecce this morning.

A-2 SECTION

Requested Groups to furnish an outline of escape briefing given crews. This is based on Nutmeg letter reporting some 15th Air Force returnees had not been properly instructed on escape procedures.

A-3 SECTION

Colonel COMPTON was in for a conference on training of Radar navigators and on general maintenance problems. It was decided after talking with Colonel RUSH that all navigators will live at San Pancrazio and training will be conducted by Captain PRICE.

Summary of today's practice missions for Lead Crews:

98th Bomb Gp sent out 1 ship, dropped 10 practice bombs, Pilot Major BERGAMYER.

376th Bomb Gp sent out 2 ships and are still flying at this time.

449th sent out 1 ship, dropped 5 practice bombs, Pilot Captain SAFSS.

450th sent out 2 ships, each dropped 5 practice bombs, Pilots Major DAVIS and Lt NYGREN.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

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SURGEON

Major GAVIN returned from his inspection of the Rest Camp. Conditions were satisfactory.

The dump on the Oria Road is nearly all cleaned up.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Conducted a tour of inspection of the 449th Bomb Gp Ordnance Service as rendered by the Ordnance Sections and the 1647th Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Company. Each Squadron Ordnance Section has a location within which is a well organized armament shop for conducting proper inspection of aircraft machine guns and other small arms weapons. The dispersal areas were thoroughly policed of ammunition.

The Bomb dump and the maintenance sections of the 1647th Ordnance S and M Company are properly organized and supervised.

From all sources it was found that a well coordinated and cooperative spirit exist between the armament, ordnance, and the 1647th Ordnance S and M Company.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

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Friday
28 April 1944.

# D A I L Y * D I A R Y

## CHIEF OF STAFF

General Born called to discuss bombing accuracy. He states that the 304th Wing Bombing has been far superior to the 47th Wing. "Them's fighting words", nobody can beat this army, long, so get into the saddle A-3.

I called Col Warner A-1, 15th AF about the drain of enlisted men of this Wing. He told me that all Wings were being called upon, because one group lost its ground personnel in a boat sinking. I told him that we were going to take the qualified men out of the Hq 68th Rcn Group to fill as many of the Air Force personnel requirements as possible. I asked him when the 68th would be inactivated. He did not know.

General Atkinson called Col Rush on presenting the decorations to Capt Swan and his two officers. He also offered Gioia to this Wing for the 98th Bomb Gp which would relieve the 98th of their Italian trouble.

Flew down to the 98th with Capt Hester to take the two bombardier films and I talked to Col Grey about moving and he said that they were in good shape at Lecce and since the Italians were now under control, he did not want to move anywhere. His Group is in better shape than it has been for years.

Leter from General Twining, 17/4/44, "Reduction of Frostbite and Command Responsibility in the care and use of Personnel Equipment". Par 3 a exchanges the Sqdn Asst Engineering Officer out of the T/O and replaces him with the Personal Equipment Officer under the operation section

## ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

## A-1 SECTION

Air Force directed that we furnish, not later than 1200 hours today, 6 B-24 mechanics. They promised replacements later. Two each from 449th and 450th and 1 each from 98th and 376th furnished.

Very heavy Bomb Cadres of 376th and 98th will report to Naples on 30 April for shipment to U.S.

Inquired as to status of promotion of officers being returned to US on DS (combat personnel). For the present they will be promoted, by Air Force is waiting decision from MTO.



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A-1 SECTION CONT'D

Col Mills submitted a letter requesting 3 pilots and 1 co-pilot be transferred to a fighter outfit. Called Air Force inasmuch as the only basis for transfer was that they ~~constuted~~ CONSTITUTED an overage and were not regular members of combat crews and were used as "fill in's". Officers had expressed a desire to go to a fighter outfit. Air Force said they would disapprove of the request because there was a need for pilots in Heavy Bomb Groups and as there were no elements suggesting subject pilots were affected in any manner, they preferred we utilized them to our best advantage. However, if subject officers were a detriment in any manner to submit reclassification on Flying Evaluation Board proceedings as deemed necessary and they would make suitable disposition.

Air Force directed that we furnish by 1200 hours 29 April, 7 specially qualified EM to be used for same project as the 6 mechanics. The 376th will furnish 1 man. All other units will furnish 2 each.

9 crews with A/C arrived and were disposed of as follows:
5 to 450th
4 to 304th Wing

Air Force requested a Sgt Lascells from the 98th for use as a Radio Announcer for their Radio Station. Group will give a decision 29 April if they can spare him. Called Air Force's attention again to the fact that they are robbing us of ~~scarcely~~ SORELY needed personnel.

A-2 SECTION

A-2 Section moved into quarters formerly occupied by Statistics and Inspection Sections.

Radar Interrogation forms prepared and distributed to Groups. These are to be returned to this Headquarters after each mission along with the PFF charts and radar log.

A-3 SECTION

5 new A/C arrived and were assigned to 450th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

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SIGNAL SECTION

Lt Terry and Capt Bradley, Wire Officer, 15th Air Force, made a reconnaissance of telephone circuits in the areas of Oria, Latiano, Masgne, Brindisi and San Pietro. The circuits are being mapped for maintenance information.

SURGEON

Major Gavin is inspecting the rest camp and will return tomorrow.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING /so
APO 520 US ARMY

Thursday
27 April 1944

D A I L Y * D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Water cutoff at the 98th Bomb Group, except at special hours, whereas the Italians outside the Airdrome have water twenty-four (24) hours a day. How come A-4?

Colonel WARNER, A-1, 15th Air Force called relative to Yugoslav crews at the 376th Bomb Group. The War Department, AGO, has written a letter about one (1) of these crews which was shot down in Bulgaria, The War Department wanted to know:

a. What special markings or identifications did the Aircraft which these crews fly, have on them?

b. What uniforms do these crews wear while on missions?

c. What identifications do these crews carry on their person?

d. Should they be considered the same as American crews?

Major SULLIVAN got the information from the 376th Bomb Group and called Colonel WARNER.

Colonel BENSON came down Wednesday and visited quite a few of the Units. Some of his remarks were: "We find, that we need not be too excited about the Relapsing Fever situation. I still fail to see why some of the outfits permit themselves to become Louse Infected, including Two (2) Officers. We shall have our Medicos put out an Anti-Lice campaign on General Hygiene grounds."

There was a meeting at 450th Bomb Group at 1400 hours, the following Officers and Units were present:

a. 450th Bomb Group, Colonel MILLS, his Staff, Squadron Commanding Officers and Service Units, Commanding Officers.

b. 62nd Service Center, Colonel HILLS, his Staff and some of his Unit Commanding Officers.

c. Headquarters 47th Wing, Colonel KYLE, Lt Col CASSELL, Lt Col MURRAY, Major WALTERS, Major SULLIVAN, Major GAVIN, Capt BURRIS, Capt McFADDEN, Capt BEAN.

Many Supply, Administrative and Technical problems were discussed. There has been a tremendous improvement in the cooperation and teamwork between the Service Units and the 450th Bomb Group and as a result great accomplishments has been achieved at this Airdrome.

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CHIEF OF STAFF (Contd.)

Some of the criticisms thrown at this Headquarters were:

a. Decorations are slow.

b. Ambulances are badly needed.

c. This Wing was supposed to clean up the Dump. (Major Walters is handling it).

d. Exchange of crews between 8th Air Force and 15th Air Force, is having a bad morale effect.

e. Inspectors not reporting to the Headquarters before inspecting the 450th Bomb Group. (This is mainly 15th Air Force).

Colonel HILLS stated that:

a. A Beach was set up for the Units of the 47th Wing and 62nd Service Center, but that he will be Restricted to use it in the day time only, due to the Malaria Control.

b. The Red Cross is establishing a club in Manduria, but furniture is the bottle neck.

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ADJUTANT

Attended conference at 450th Bomb Group. Arrangements completed for clearing and policing Dump Area, located along road between Airdrome and Oria. Clean-up to be under supervision of Col BRUCH and to be completed today.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force called for personnel by categories, who have completed 45 missions or more. This is needed to formulate the quota based on the new policy of combat crew rotation.

376th Bomb Group received a new Link Trainer and requested a Technician to set it up. Sgt LEECH of the 98th Bomb Group is the only one in the Wing and will be placed on DS with the 376th Bomb Group for a week.

One of the two crews submitted by 376th Bomb Group to go to United Kingdom was short a tail gunner. Procured one from the 449th Bomb Group and will transfer him to the 376th Bomb Group pending orders for the entire crew to leave this Theater.

Major SULLIVAN, Major GAVIN, and Lt Col BAKER will go down to Santa Cesaria to inspect sanitary facilities at the Rest Camp.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS and Captain LINDLEY attended mission briefing at the 98th Bomb Group.

A-3 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-4 SECTION

Received and distributed power generators for Bomb Sight and Link Trainers in each Group.

Contacted Lt Col SUMPTER, Liaison Officer of Nutmeg A-4, on supply problems.

Attended meeting at 450th Bomb Group.

Held conference with Captain JAFFE of 62nd Service Center on Purchasing and Contracting problems.

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SIGNAL

On or about 1 May 1944, British Line maintenance personnel will be replaced by men of the 450th Construction Battalion. Capt GINN, Operations Officer of the 450th Construction Battalion, Capt BRADLEY of the 15th Air Force Wire Officer and Lt TERRY discussed problems on line maintenance and establishment of test points on existing circuits. Capt BRADLEY will remain at this Wing until Saturday to learn the established circuit routes.

The "Radio Security Transmission" film was shown to all point-to-point and Air-to-Ground radio operators of the 331st Signal Company and Headquarters Squadron. Film was sent to the 450th Bomb Group as scheduled.

Lt Col DOTY spent the day at the 449th Bomb Group. Colonel GENT was questioned on his radio operation and is well satisfied with the results he is obtaining from his airborne radio equipment. All communications sections were inspected and found to be in good condition. The joint British and 449th Tower operation is working out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

SURGEON

Investigation of cases of Small pox in Taranto has made it necessary to put the City Out-of-Bounds. Notice was sent to all the Units of this fact.

Two cases of Typhus have been noted in the Town of Montemesola about five (5) miles from Grottaglie. Due to the inspections being carried out and the distance from any of our units little danger is expected of its spread.

Major GAVIN attended a meeting at the 450th Bomb Group and the Dump on the Oria road is to be cleaned up at once.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties. (See addition).

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CHEMICAL WARFARE

Routine duties.

MESS and CLUB

Contacted Captain BURRIS of the A-4 Section, relative to the securing of additional furniture for the Officer's Club. His recommendation was to wait until we have moved to our New Club location, and at that time make a survey of what additional furniture we will need.

On the recommendation of several Officers, checked into the situation of availability and price of fresh fish for the Mess. Find that the price still remains at one hundred and fifty (150) Lire a kilogram, which in my opinion is much too high. Am making a return trip tomorrow, 28 April, to acquire fish for Mess the following day, and expect a substantial reduction in that "selling" price.

Captain PERRY returned from Cairo with a limited supply of American whiskey, which will be sold over the Bar.

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ORDNANCE (Addition)

Through an operational order the load for 250 lb. bombs has been decreased to 12 bombs per aircraft whereas it was formerly 16 bombs per aircraft. Conducted test to increase the load to 18 per aircraft and this was achieved by the use of the Adapter, Cluster M12. The forward bomb bay will carry 10, 250 lb. bombs and the rear bomb bay will carry 8, 250 lb. bombs, this will confirm with the operational order that rear bomb bay will carry only 2,000 lbs.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Wednesday
26 April 1944

DAILY ***** ***** DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Telephone call from Colonel WARNER stating that Lt Colonel POOL is to be placed on unlimited Temporary Duty at the 15th Air Force reporting for duty on the 28th of April 1944. Colonel THOMPSON will be made available for the 376th Bomb Group at a later date.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

June list of "very Heavy Bomb Group" cadres will be ordered to U. S. within approximately two (2) weeks. This applies to 376th and 98th Enlisted personnel only.

15th Air Force asked if we could use thirteen (13) colored Enlisted Men. These men have court-martial records, etc., and are not desired even though a shortage of colored personnel does exist within the Wing.

Requested permission to keep the nest six (6) combat crews for replacements that arrive. 15th Air Force Okayed this rquest.

15th Air Force has furniture for Rest Camps. Requested our needs. Will check tomorrow and call back.

Called the 376th Bomb Group to get information relative to a Yugoslav crew held prisoner by Bulgarians.

A-2 SECTION

A grounded navigator reported for assignment as an Intelligence Officer. He is being assigned to the 450th Bomb Group for training; this Group being down to only one (1) Intelligence Officer in one of the Squadrons, as against an absolute minumum requirement of two.

Group S-2, 449th Bomb Group, was in to discuss the forthcoming radar interrogation required by this Headquarters after each mission.

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A-2 SECTION (Contd.)

Lt DEGLES, Escape Intelligence Officer, to NUTMEG to discuss questions raised at yesterday's conference at this Headquarters relative to issuance of more adequate information for escape briefing.

A-3 SECTION

Two (2) aircraft arrived and were assigned to the 450th Bomb Group.

Report on Wing Leader's practice is as follows:

Major TOPE, Pilot and Lt MILLS, Bombardier, dropped five (5) bombs, C.E. 300 feet, from 12,000 feet. Three (3) bombs were dropped on A-5 and 2 on PD.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Teleprinter Courier CF-2 arrived and is being installed.

A complete revamping is being made in the teletype room. All of the printers have been modified to fit on a specially made table. The all around appearance has improved and better working conditions now exists.

A "Radio Security Transmission" film will be shown to all Groups starting 27 April. The order from 15th Air Force directs that all Pilots and Communications personnel be shown this film.

Lt Col DOTY spent the day 25 April at the 98th Bomb Group, inspecting all Communication Sections. Headquarters and Squadrons are well set up and equipment is in good condition.

Tests were conducted between the Wing Air-Ground Station, 98th Air-Ground Station and an aircraft of the 98th Bomb Group to determine the effective use of the Liaison Radio set using R/T transmission. Good results were obtained up to 21000 feet and to a distant aircraft 100 miles from the Ground station. Previous aircraft to aircraft tests have been made and good transmission was had between ships over 100 miles apart.

Lt Colonel DOTY attended the 5 AM briefing. Morale of the crews seemed high.

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SIGNAL (Contd.)

This Group is scheduled to lose one (1) Officer and twenty-one (21) enlisted men during the next two months on rotation. A shortage of 12 enlisted personnel in the Communication Section now exists and replacements must be on the job before any more personnel can be released. Lt Colonel DOTY called 15th Air Force Signal Officer on the matter and was advised that replacements were, "On the way".

SURGEON

Major GAVIN attended a meeting at the 35th Field Hospital. Lt Col BARNES, Lt Col SOMMERS, and Captain FLOOD from NATOUSA, Captain HOLLISTER from 15th Air Force and the Hospital Staff were present. The treatment of combat personnel with Venereal Disease was the subject of the meeting. A letter from this office was sent to the Groups explaining the future method of treatment.

Colonel BENSON, Lt Colonel HICKS, and Captain BROTHER from 15th Air Force conferred with Major GAVIN on the problem of relapsing fever, visited the Hospital and area.

Lt Colonel HOFFMAN, 15th Air Force advised that Taranto be put off limits due to small pox among the civilians. Major GAVIN talked with Colonel BENSON on the subject and it was decided that immediate action was not necessary. The English have the situation well in hand and little danger of its spread is expected.

1st Lt OELRICH, MC, was assigned to the Squadron.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

CWS

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING /so
APO 520 US ARMY

Tuesday
25 April 1944

# D A I L Y * D I A R Y

## CHIEF OF STAFF

The weekly A-2 Operations Summary was exceedingly well organized and presented by Lt Col THOMAS and his Asst's. Col HILLS and 26 of his Officers from the 62nd Service Center were present, in addition to many other Officers from the different Service organizations and all present were enthusiatic about these meetings. After this, these meetings will be held on Tuesday at 1300 hours.

Major WALTERS and I visited the Headquarters 909th Air Base Security Bn, we were met and conducted on a tour thru out the area by Major GARRISON, the Battalion Commanding Officer. The Headquarters and Barracks were in a very nice building and both places were neat and clean. We inspected the Mess and transportation. With a few exceptions the entire outlay was neat and clean. The Battalion Venereal Disease and Court Martial cases is something that few white outfits can surpass.

Headquarters Sections with inefficient and undesirable officers, must get rid of them, as this Headquarters has a big job ahead of it and everybody has got to be on his toes, "Let's Go".

All Sections, should not only visit their respective sections in the Groups, but all Group Section heads should spend a couple of days in this Headquarters.

## ADJUTANT

Col KYLE and myself made an unannounced inspection of the 909th Air Base Security Bn, Headquarters. Noted a great improvement in sanitation, maintenance and discipline. The Headquarters arrangement is one of the best and neatest in the area, and apparent results are being obtained in the drive to reduce the Venereal and Courts Martial rate.

## A-1 SECTION

New policy on rotation.... Combat Crews will be returned home on DS for thirty (30) days, exclusive of travel time except those rotated for medical reasons. Only papers necessary to accompany individuals thus rotated are Immunization Register and Soldiers Pay Record WD AGO Form 28 or Officers' Pay Data Card.

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A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

There is an acute shortage of Awards and Decorations in this department. 15th Air Force seems unable to fill needs. Greatest shortages are Purple Hearts, Air Medals, and Oak Leaf Clusters.

15th Air Force wants two (2) crews from each Group for United Kingdom.

A-2 SECTION

Conducted Special War Room meeting for Service Units.

Conference of all Escape Intelligence Officers from Groups of this Wing, as a result of which a Memorandum was prepared for submission to NUTMEG, outlining a request for a change in procedures which would provide more information on escape and evasion for use in briefing Combat Crew members.

A-3 SECTION

Major APPOLD visited the 376th Bomb Group to check on Radar.

Captain HESTER visited the 449th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION

Lt Col HARTWIG, went to Africa.

Contracted for construction of Volley Ball Court at Rest Camp.

SIGNAL

Arrangements have been made with Lt WHELLER, British Lines Officer at Ford Exchange, for telephone facilities to Gunnery Range located Northwest of Taranto.

An additional four (4) pin arm (2 telephone circuits) has been completed between Lecce test and Lecce Airfield. Lt TERRY called 15th Air Force wire office concerning the allocation of these new circuits. Captain LE FAVOUR will get the necessary information from #2 District C.S.O.

A final test is being made using the Liaison radio set for R/T transmission for plane to plane communication. A Ground Station has been set up to determine whether or not good contact can be made with an A/C one hundred (100) miles distant using R/T. Results will be "Hashed Over" tomorrow.

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SIGNAL (Contd.)

Effective 26 April 1944, A/C will send Mission Reports to Wing Air-Ground Station. Previously all mission reports were sent to 15th Air Force with the Wing Station monitoring. This change in procedure will effect a more rapid report of a mission's success and also eliminate the unnecessary traffic confusion caused by an overworked Radio Station.

A truck was dispatched to 15th Air Force Headquarters to pick-up a Teleprinter Carrier CG-2. This equipment was mentioned in a previous Signal Diary. Installation of this carrier will take place tomorrow.

Lt Colonel DOTY is visiting the 98th Bomb Group. Will return tomorrow noon.

SURGEON

Groups were notified as to the length and time they would have for showing the malaria and Venereal Disease films.

The problem of relapsing fever has included calls from Col BENSON and Captain BROTHER of the 15th Air Force. They are sending a representative and some dusters.

a. A letter requiring that all Units be inspected for fleas and lice, was sent to each Unit of the Wing.

b. Major BARRY, Surgeon of the 62nd Service Center conferred with Major GAVIN and plans to investigate his Units for lice and fleas.

c. Major BARRY and Major GAVIN visited the Hospital to confer with the Medical Officers on the problem.

Physical examining equipment have been distributed so that each Group now has all the equipment needed for doing the eye work necessary for 64's.

The Groups were instructed by letter to requisition Atabrine to be placed in the Escape Kits. It is thought that escapees will, by preventing attacks of malaria, be able to resume their duties more expediently.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Location of three (3) unexploded bombs has been reported to this office and the necessary arrangements have been made to defuze them.

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CWS

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING /so
APO 520 US ARMY

Monday
24 April 1944

DAILY *** DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Received orders from 15th Air Force disbanding the Ordnance Airdrome Service Companies and incorporating them in Bomb Group TO's, effective 30 April 1944.

Capt BASON, Wing Personal Equipment Officer received Orders from 15th Air Force placing him DS to the UK for a period of six (6) weeks for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction for Personal Equipment Officers. He will depart by air from Naples on or about 25 April 1944 and return to this Station on or about 15 June 1944.

1052nd M. P. Co (Avn) has assumed control of all duties and installations formerly administered by the Provisional Co. All Officers and all but forty (40) Enlisted Men of old Company have been returned to proper organizations. Facilities procured for billeting and Headquarters.

A-1 SECTION

To insure a wider level of experience in Bomb-site maintenance, four (4) Sperry trained men from both the 449th and 450th Bomb Gps will be placed on DS with the 98th and 376th Bomb Gps. Four (4) men from the 98th and 376th Bomb Gps, who are Norden specialists will be placed on DS for a like period of time to the 449th and 450th Bomb Gps.

15th Air Force informs us that Lt Col KEMPTON, Asst A-1, is making a survey of Replacement Pools and we will receive definite information relative to replacements when he returns.

Provost Marshal of the 1052nd M.P. Co (Avn) informed that Lecce curfew is extended until 2100 hours.

Four (4) crews reported in and were assigned as follows:

Two (2) crews to 304th Wing,
Two (2) crews to 47th Wing.

Mr. Morrison, American Red Cross Director, called to coordinate plans for May 3rd Dance at Enlisted Men's Rest Camp at Santa Ceseria. Everything appears favorable.

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A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

Major SULLIVAN will inspect the Hotel in Lecce, also the M.P. set-up there and will then proceed to 98th Bomb Group.

Orders are being held up on the crews that were to fly the modified B-24's from the Depot to the U. S. pending orders from Major General TWINING.

A-2 SECTION

Escape kit supply becoming short in Groups of this Wing, and NUTMEG advises no more are available in the Theater. It may shortly become necessary to provide fewer than ten (10) kits per crew.

Major ELDER and three other intelligence officers from the 464th Group visited Wing Headquarters, 376th and 450th Bomb Gps. The 464th shortly will begin freshman operations with the 55th Wing.

NUTMEG, A-2 advises five untrained intelligence officers will be available for assignment to this Wing within next few days.

A-3 SECTION

Four (4) new aircraft were assigned to the Groups as follows:

2 - 376th Bomb Group
1 - 450th Bomb Group
1 - 449th Bomb Group.

Lt. ROSE reported for duty in this Section.

A-4 SECTION

Requisitions are being called for by the Service Group for cotton clothing. One (1) cap, two (2) shirts, two (2) trousers per man. Looks like we may get them before next fall. We are to be prepared to change 1 May 1944. MAAF will publish the date of change.

Submitted plan for movement of Wing Headquarters.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.



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SURGEON

A malarial film was received today and was turned over to Special Service for distribution. A schedule was drawn up and the film will be shown to all of the Groups.

Captain HOLLISTER, 15th Air Force returned to Bari after a tour with Major GAVIN investigating the Venereal disease problem in Taranto and the surrounding area. Conferences were held with the ACC, Capt D'ARATA, Major PETTERSON, 449th Surgeon and Dr. RINI, Italian Doctor.

A request for maps of each area occupied by units of the Wing for Malaria control was made by 15th Air Force. A letter requesting said maps was dispatched.

A number of cases of Relapsing Fever have been noted in the area. An attempt is being made to obtain DDT powder to prevent its spread.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

CWS

Checked the 449th Bomb Group to ascertain if Smoke and Incendiary Grenades were being carried in each plane of the Group. Found that the majority were carrying the Grenades but that certain Pilots were instructing their crew chief to remove the Incendiaries believing they are an additional fire hazard.

Contacted Col GORMLY on this matter, as at present the carrying of Incendiaries is a Wing Order. War Department, CWS T of O Ltr., No. 10, 31 Jan 1944, states that "Allowances of two (2) grenades per tactical airplane other than bombardment and six (6) per bombardment airplane have been eliminated as AAF no longer require this munition."

Col GORMLY advised that he will contact Col MURRAY, and determine a policy to cover this situation, at which time a directive will be issued from this Headquarters.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Routine duties.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 US ARMY

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Sunday
23 April 1944

D A I L Y ***** D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Air Force telephoned giving the names of seven Flight Officers (6 in 376th, 1 in 449th) who would be appointed Second Lieutenants on orders tomorrow.

A-2 SECTION

Informed Groups as to temporary Balkan bomb line in view of Russian advance.

New list of priority targets for study by bombardiers obtained from Nutmeg. Target materials are being checked and Groups are being instructed to begin classwork.

Cache of arms found near PORTE CESEREA, according to reports from 376th Bomb Group, arrangements made with Counter Intelligence agencies to handle the matter.

A-3 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Colonel J. G. SEABOURNE, from the Office of the Asst. Chief of Air Staff Training, visited Wing Signals Officer and discussed training of Signal personnel. Major Mathews of the 15th Air Force Service Command, and Captain BEVERLY of the 62d Service Group. also visited Signals Officer and discussed supplies.



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SURGEON

Major GAVIN visited the 449th Bomb Group.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

CWS

Checked Air Force Chemical Air Depot Number 7, located near Latiano. Capt HEFT, the Commanding Officer has adequate stocks of all Class Five supplies available in this Theatre.

There is a large supply of the M-69 Incendiary Bomb available at this Depot, in the event that the fin adaption which Capt PERRY has designed for this cluster, in conjunction with the M-111 Fuze, proves to have satisfactory ballistics.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Capt BURRIS and myself went to the Rest Camp. Plans were made to have Volleyball Courts fixed and also to get cement to fix the drainage system from Hotel and Laundry in Enlisted Men's Hotel.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING /so
APO 520 US ARMY

Saturday
22 April 1944

DAILY *** DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

We had a meeting at the 449th Bomb Group at 1000 hrs. 22 April 44. Colonel HILLS, CO, 62nd Service Group and his Staff were present, Colonel GENT his Staff, Squadron CO's and all Service Unit, CO's on the Airdrome were present. Colonels KYLE, CASSELL, HARTWIG, Majors SULLIVAN, HICKEY, Capt McFADDEN, and Lt TERESKEWICZ. Lt Colonel C. E. FRANK and Lt Colonel POOLE were also present. A number of problems were discussed and in a great many cases a satisfactory solution was found and a plan of action adopted. A great deal of progress has been made by all the Units at this station, Col GENT and his Officers are taking a great deal of interest in the welfare of the Service Units and they in return are cooperating with the Combat Groups to their fullest extent.

Lt Col BAKER, A-4 of the 62nd Service Center says that "Wire Screen" has arrived in Naples. "Let's get into the Saddle, A-4".

Lt Col McILHERAN reported for duty.

ADJUTANT

Col TAYLOR, CofS, 15th Air Force called and asked that the following points be emphasized in briefing combat crews who are being returned to the Zone of the Interior in the immediate future.

a. Crew members returned home have completed just a small phase in the job before them and have a vitally important role to play.

b. Emphasize the fact that a large portion of returned combat personnel may be required to accept any type of duty including training, staff work and other types of equally important duties.

c. Stress military courtesy and discipline.

d. They must be informed that the job they have done is just a small one and that thousands of others have done as much and more.

e. No one in any job can relax until the ENEMY has been defeated.

A directive covering the above points is being prepared and will be distributed to all units in the near future.



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A-1 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-2 SECTION

Advised by A-1 that Nutmeg has a grounded navigator available for assignment as an Intelligence Officer. Requested he be sent to this Headquarters for interview and assignment.

Col GRAY telephoned to request reexamination of the bomb strike photos on the SOFIA raid since he did not consider the bomb fal plot gave his Group proper credit. The photo interpreter will make reexamination.

Sgt DUFFY, 62nd Service Group, telephoned to explain that on the night of 20 April a British plane dropped supplies, ammunition, etc via parachutes in area of Porte Cesera (in practice). Italian soldiers, witnessing, believed same to be paratroopers. This is in confirmation to Major MEYERS' call to our duty officer last evening.

A-3 SECTION

Two (2) aircraft were assigned to 376th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Lt TERRY attended joint meeting at 449th Bomb Group.

~~EXPEDITION~~ SURGEON

Major GAVIN, Capt D'ARATA and Major PETERSON, Surgeon of the 449th Bomb Group went to Taranto to confer with the ACC and the Italian Provinciale.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

CWS

Routine duties.



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SPECIAL SERVICE

Attended a meeting at the 449th Bomb Group. Made arrangements to get the Marlene Dietriech, USO Show for Monday afternoon at 2:30 PM in front of the hangar on this field.

Got a schedule fixed up for the sex film to be shown at the Groups of this Wing.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520

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Friday
21 April 1944.

# D A I L Y *** D I A R Y

## CHIEF OF STAFF

Col R. K. TAYLOR, C of S, 15th Air Force, called relative to Col GORMLY'S assignment. He asked me to contact Col GORMLY and ask him if he desired this assignment. Col GORMLY called General ATKINSON and accepted the assignment.

Col GENT called and said that he had talked to Lt Col MC Ilheran, about his transferring to Hq 47th Wing. He also said that he would like to have Lt Col BLASE assigned to the 449th Group as Deputy Group Commander.

Col HILL, MARSHAL, Maj STINSON, WALTERS, SULLIVAN, Capt FITZGERALD and Lt CURRY, CO 1052nd M.P. Company came down for a meeting on the M.P. situation.

Lt Col POOLE reported for duty. Assigned him to Col CASSELL for oreintation trips to the different units. Col C. E. FRANK will also spend several days with Col CASSELL prior to duty assignment.

## ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

## A-1 SECTION

The conference between the Service Group, Wing Staff and M.P.'s following the War Room meeting resulted in an agreement that all Group personnel now on duty with eht Provisional M.P. Co. would be returned to their parent organizations with the exception of ten (10) from each Group including the 62nd. These would be placed DS to the 1052nd M.P. Company for administration and quarters.

We will shortly receive 11 S-2 officers, 2 captains and 9 Lieutenants, also 1 1st Lt Armament Officer.

449th needs a good 1st Sgt for one of its Squadrons. Have called both the 98th and 376th to submit names of qualified personnel. These will be interviewed by the Executive Officer of 449th.

## A-2 SECTION

Requested by Air Force to send escape intelligence officer to conference at Air Force Headquarters on Saturday. Arrangements made.

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A-3 SECTION

Three (3) new A/C arrived and were assigned to 376th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Major GAVIN attended a meeting of Wing Surgeons, held at Fifteenth Air Force Headquarters.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

~~CWS~~ NEXT PAGE

~~Routine Duties.~~

SPECIAL SERVICE

Sent to Bari for supplies. Very little was available and there were no Softball or Hardball equipment at all. Athletic equipment and records are especially needed at this time.

Also payed Major Pendleton a visit and he looked a hundred per cent better. He is resting real well. He asked about all.



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CWS

Replacements have been received in personnel for the 1986th Engineers Fire Fighting Platoon, and are being trained at this time.

A replacement fire truck has been obtained, at the Mandurie field. This will take the place of the truck destroyed in the plane explosion on 16 April, 1944.

At present the 1986th F. F. Platoon is operating on three fields, San Pan, Lecce, and Manduria, and the 1996th is handling Grottaglie. In the near future it is proposed that the 1986th will operate all four fields. This change is expected when the new personnel has completed training.



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APO 520 US ARMY

Thursday
20 April 1944

DAILY *** DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col CLINTON E. FRANK, stopped by Headquarters. He is reporting as Executive Officer of the 98th Bomb Group, Friday, 21st April.

Lt Col W. C. BRUCE, former Executive Officer of 98th Bomb Group reported to Headquarters and he was sent to Air Force Headquarters.

Air Force called and said that a "Directive on Weight Reduction of B-24" is being mailed tonight and that we should receive it Friday morning.

ADJUTANT

1052nd Military Police Co (Avn) have completed their move and are ready for operation. Details being worked out with Capt FITZGERALD to relieve the major portion of personnel furnished by the Tactical units and return them to their proper organization. However, it will probably be necessary to retain approximately five (5) Enlisted Men per Bomb Group to supplement the regular MP Co.

Contacted Col BAKER, 62nd Service Center on Bus for Rest Camp. It has been completely overhauled and will be ready for delivery Monday, 24 April 1944.

A-1 SECTION

Five (5) aircraft and crews landed at this Base, crews were assigned VOCG, 15th Air Force as follows:

3 to 304th Wing
2 to 47th Wing.

A First Lieutenant (Medical Corps) will be assigned to the Wing in the near future. Informed Col COGLAND.

Major SULLIVAN'S trip to Bari for consultation with the Air Force A-1 resulted in information to the effect that the 15th Air Force's quota of the expected 2000 replacements will be approximately 900 men. The first contingent of this Group should land in Italy on next Tuesday. It was called to Col WARNER'S attention that with the augmentation of crews and aircraft without a corresponding increase of ground crews, it is imperative that all our Groups have their full T/O allotment of men.

A War Department Cable to Air Force indicates that the 376th Bomb Gp will shortly have the letter canceling the Pathfinder quota of 21 aircraft per Squadron and permitting 24.

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A-1 SECTION (continued)

At Santa Cesaria, arrangements were concluded for bi-monthly dances. The first dance for the enlisted men is scheduled for the 3d of May. The volley-ball court for the officers is set up and in operation and space will be cleared for a court for the enlisted men. Col BAKER assures us that he will have procured the 48 passenger bus by the 21st and a motor launch by the end of the month. Swimming will commence in two weeks and fifteen (15) bicycles will shortly be available. A Barber Shop will be set up in each of the two hotels for the convenience of the personnel.

A-2 SECTION

Preparation of operations map for A-2 initiated.

Lt Col THOMAS conferring with 15th Air Force today.

A-3 SECTION

One (1) new aircraft arrived and was assigned to 376th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Lt Col GASTON, Commanding Officer, 450th Construction Bn, visited Wing Signals Officer and requested date 47th Wing Headquarters would move to the Barracks area. Col GASTON was informed move was pending.

In connection with the B-24 weight reduction program the following communications equipment has been or is being removed from all aircraft this Wing.

| | Weight | |
|---|---|---|
| Antenna Tuning Unit BC-306-A..... | 9 3/4 | Lbs. |
| Electric Antenna Reel, wire, weight RL-42-A..... | 30 | Lbs. |
| 5B Transmitter Tuning Unit..... | 14½ | Lbs. |
| 8B Transmitter Tuning Unit..... | 11¼ | Lbs. |
| 10B Transmitter Tuning Unit..... | 11½ | Lbs. |
| T.U. - 26 Transmitter Tuning Unit..... | 12 | Lbs. |
| RC-43 Marker Beacon Receiver and Antenna ..... | 8 | Lbs. |
| R-103 Blind Landing Equipment..... | 25 | Lbs. |
| Total Weight removed | 122 | Lbs. |

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INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

A meeting of the Group Surgeons was held in which many questions were discussed. Venereal disease, whiskey for combat crews, the malaria program and medical supplies.

Dental surgeon from the 15th Air Force conferred with Col COGLAND concerning the dental needs of the 98th Bomb Gp. Major LONGWELL was also consulted on the question.

ORDNANCE

Visited the four (4) Groups during the last two days where at each all the Ordnance Officers and Armament Officers were called together to hear an outline of the Inspection Program for .50 caliber Machine Gun given by Capt STROM, 15th Air Force, Ordnance Department.

Called a conference of the Service Group Ordnance Officer, Ordnance Officer from the S. & M. Co., 450th Armament Officer, 450th Ordnance Officer, Capt STROM and representative of this office to establish a reasonable level of spare parts for the .50 caliber Machine Gun in each of the Squadrons.

Again called to the attention of the Ordnance Department that a shortage of personnel exists at the 376th Bomb Group and 98th Bomb Group where Ordnance Service is rendered by Airdrome Service Companies.

Informed all Group Armament and Ordnance Officers that a supply of Adapter Cluster, M12, for clustering Fragmentation Bombs is available at all the Bases.

CWS

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Made an inspection of the 376th Bomb Group, Special Service. They seem to have things pretty well in hand with the exception of one (1) Squadron. This Squadron seems to be neglecting the Enlisted Men when it comes to Day Rooms. The Squadron that I am refering to is the 514th. At the present time no one has very much supplies, but a good day room is one of the first things that they should get for the enlisted men.

Each other Squadron seems to be on the ball when it comes to Day Rooms, Post Exchange, and athletics.

End.

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HEADQUARTERS 47th WING
APO 520 U S ARMY /so

Wednesday
19 April 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

All heads of Staff Sections will visit their respective Groups Sections at least once a month.

Col RUSH called Hq 15th Air Force on the reassignment of Lt Col BRUCH and Col WARNER, A-1, said that Air Force will reassign him.

Capt SHEEHAN, PRO, 15th Air Force called and asked for authority to send Lt SHIMMEL, Allied Force Headquarters, PRO, Wire recorder - Radio Recorder down here to make some combat recordings for a Radio broadcast.

ADJUTANT

Directive received from 15th Air Force authorizing double sorties for all missions against targets North of forty-seven (47) degrees North latitude and East of twenty-five (25) degrees East latitude.

A-1 SECTION

15th Air Force requested two (2) gunners to take training on Camera Guns. Names were submitted.

15th Air Force request for Bomber Pilot, rank of Captain or Major for Staff Duty could not be filled. None available with proper qualifications.

Ten (10) replacement crews and aircraft arrived this Headquarters. Three (3) sent to 304th Wing, VOCG, 15th Air Force. Seven (7) assigned to this Wing.

A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-3 SECTION

Eight (8) new aircraft arrived and were assigned as follows:

1 - 450th Bomb Group
2 - 98th Bomb Group
5 - 376th Bomb Group.



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A-4 SECTION

Call from Air Force on ships transferred to 68th Tactical Rcn Gp. Many shortages, directed to replace same immediately, fly ship to Africa on authority of Air Force to transfer parts.

SIGNAL

Meeting held with all Group Communications Officers. The use of the Liaison Set for inter-group communications was the main item discussed. It was the opinion of all concerned that it can be made to work satisfactorily. Col DOTY is working up the plan and a test flight will be arranged with Operations.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Major THORPE, Surgeon 450th Bomb Gp and Capt OSINCUP, 721st Sq conferred with Col COGLAND on awarding of Purple Hearts and the Venereal disease question.

Col COGLAND and Major GAVIN inspected the Rest Camp and Lecce Pro Station and Hotel.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

CWS

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE SECTION

Located some bicycles in Lecce that might be sent to our Rest Camp but they will have to be taken from several places, since no one shop could furnish enough. I will contact Lt Col BAKER about the matter today.

End.

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APO 520 US ARMY

Tuesday
18 April 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

United Kingdom combat personnel ordered to report to Air Priority Board at Bari for transportation to United Kingdom.

Six (6) combat crews with aircraft arrived and were dispatched as follows:

1 - 304th Wing
5 - 449th Bomb Group (47th Wing).

A-2 SECTION

Review of weeks operations conducted at special War Room meeting.

A-3 SECTION

Five (5) new aircraft arrived and were assigned to 449th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.



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SURGEON

Col COGLAND and Major GAVIN conferred with the Allied Control Commission at Taranto. The conference concerned the establishment of treatment of infected prostitutes in this area.

ORDNANCE

Have this day inaugurated a program of Ordnance Inspection of Aircraft Machine Guns. Ordnance Armorers will conduct 1000 round inspections of the Caliber .50 M-2 Machine Gun.

Have distributed to all Group Ordnance Officers the following pertinent data:

1. Functional Data on Standard Fuzes.
2. German flak.
3. Vacuum Phase of Blast Wave.

CWS

Spent the entire day in cleaning up the Mess Hall and Club after the damage caused the night before by the wind. It is also believed that the plane explosion of two nights before had some effect in weakening the roofing.

In addition to the clearing of the Mess, also arranged for drainage to be established from the kitchen to the sewage system. This will clear up the matter of waste water lying in the rear of Mess, from nightly scrubbing of the Kitchen.

SPECIAL SERVICE SECTION

Visited the 26th General Hospital to check on Major PENDLETON. His condition as far as the Doctors are concerned seemed fair. He is in a good bit of pain but that is natural.

The Doctor advised not many visitors for a few days.

Also checked on investigation and it will come to the Wing. I reported to Major WALTERS on details.

End.

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APO 520 US ARMY

Monday
17 April 1944

# DAILY DIARY

## CHIEF OF STAFF

(Sunday, April 16th)

Flew down to meet the 449th Bomb Group as they return from BRASOV mission.

Maj General TWINING called Colonel RUSH and congratulated him on the 47th Wing's perseverance in getting to the assigned target and destroying it when other Wings were not able to get there.

(Monday, April 17th)

Colonel RUSH flew up to a Wing Commander's meeting called by Maj General TWINING. Some of the points covered were:

a. A-1 correspondence covering combat crews returning to the USA, will not mention the number of missions completed, but will state "after long and ardious combat duty".

b. Additional B-25's will be assigned to the Wings, who will in turn assign them to the Groups.
(NOTE: A-4 look into the spare parts problem for these aircraft).

c. The Groups are complaining about combat crews arriving from the United Kingdom without complete equipment.

d. A meeting was held at the 376th Bomb Group. Col HILLS and the heads of all of his Staff, Lt Col GRAFF, Commanding Officer 376th, his Staff, Squadron Commanders and their Staff. The following officers from Hq 47th Wing were present: Col KYLE, Col DOTY, Col HARTWIG, Col CASSELL, Col COGLAND, Col MURRAY and Maj SULLIVAN, Capt MacFADDEN and Capt BEAN. A number of things were discussed at the meeting and there appears to be 100% cooperation and teamwork between the Service Units and the Combat Groups.

Col GORMLY is contacting Lt Col BROWN and the "Manduria Dust Bowl" situation.

## ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

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A-1 SECTION

Two (2) crews reported in to 47th Wing and were sent to 304th Wing.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS attended briefing at 449th Bomb Gp to check on intelligence operations.

S-2, 98th Bomb Gp and S-2, 450th Bomb Gp visited Wing Headquarters to request additional officer personnel to replace men lost to hospital, PRO and rotation. Asst A-2, 15th Air Force, says tentative arrangements have been made for four (4) men for this Wing.

A-3 SECTION

Meeting of Flight Leaders for yesterday's mission.

Subjects taken up:

1. Means of getting and keeping Wing together. In future turns or or dog legs will be put in the course out.
2. All Groups will start climb at the same time.
3. How to improve communications.
4. Dust control.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Lt Col DOTY attended joint meeting at 376th Bomb Gp.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Maj GAVIN acted as a member of a Section VIII Board today.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.



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CWS

Routine duties.

SPECIAL SERVICE SECTION

Capt McFADDEN attended the meeting at 376th Bomb Group with Col KYLE and Staff.

End...



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APO 520 US ARMY

Sunday
16 April 1944

# DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT Orders received assigning 1052d MP Co. (Avn) to 47th Wing.

Major BALDWIN, CIC, British Anti-aircraft, [redacted] made official visit. He has received orders to take four (4) of his eight (8) heavy Anti-aircraft Guns and crews to Taranto for practice firing, Monday, 17 April 1944 and Tuesday 18 April 1944.

He is also inaugurating a training program whereby two days out of the week, four (4) Guns and crews will be in the field for training.

There will never be less than four (4) guns operative at any time and all guns willbe in position at night.

A-1 SECTION

Lt Col SANFORD M. POOLE will be assigned to 376th Bomb Gp as a replacement for Lt Col GARDNER. He will report to this Headquarters before going to the 376th Bomb Gp.

A B-24 Pilot in grade of Captain or Major (preferably completed fifty (50) missions) to do staff duty at Air Force either as senior control officer or in the Plans Section, has been requested (98th and 376th were telephoned.)

Names of two (2) Officer Couriers were chosen from 376th Bomb Gp, 1st Lt., R. F. VINCENT and 1st Lt., P. J. VOGA, to act as couriers between Air Force, United Kingdom, United States and return. Trip will take between a week and ten days. These two officers will make one trip and then two more names will be selected. Men selected will have not completed combat missions, as trip will act as a rest for the combat missions.

Names of four (4) B-24 crews were requested by Air Force. Crews to consist of Pilot, Co-Pilot, Navigator, Radio Operator, and Engineer. Crews to have completed or to be nearing completion of combat tour. Crews will be available for immediate permanent transfer to AAF Service Command.

Orders received for rotation of ground personnel from December thru March. Subject personnel will report to Bari by 17th for transportation to U.S.

Three (3) ordinance men from 449th Bomb Gp and three (3) from 450th Bomb Gp will attend Chemical Warfare School for two days and will be returned to their respective organizations as instructors.



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A-1 SECTION Contd.

Three (3) crews with ships reported to this headquarters and were sent to 304th Wing per VOCG from 15th Air Force.

A-2 SECTION

Major PENDLETON, Asst A-2, seriously injured in a fall and taken to 26th General Hospital, Bari.

Requested copies of all photo recce of BUDAPEST/VECSES from 15th Air Force since MAAF recce credited this Wing with only a third of the planes which study of strike photos showed destroyed. PI, 15th Air Force, is submitting report in support of claims from this Wing.

Requested Col SULLIVAN, Asst A-2, 15th Air Force, to push matter of obtaining additional intelligence officers for this Wing, to alleviate existing shortages.

A-3 SECTION

Brig General BORN, 15th Air Force, called to congratulate Col RUSH on on the success of today's mission. The 47th Wing was the only Wing to get through to the target.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Lt TERRY discussed with Capt HEARST, Wire Officer, 15th Air Force, the use of CG-2 Teleprinter Carrier between this Headquarters and 15th Air Force. Lt TERRY was advised that upon the release of the equipment in question it will be installed without delay. The carrier CG-2 was requested with a thought to improving present teleprinter communications between this Headquarters and 15th Air Force

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Routine duties.



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ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Made a trip down to the Rest Camp and things seem to be picking up a good bit. This warm weather is helping about as much as anything. We questioned several of the men that were down to the camp and they were more than satisfied. Some think that if we could get some bicycles for the Rest Camp that it would add a great deal to the entertainment of the men. Everyone seems to think that the food is improving. All fields for athletics are too far from the Hotels so we may have to make some fields close by.

End....



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APO 520 US ARMY

Saturday
15 April 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine operations.

ADJUTANT

Accompanied Col HILLS, CO, 62nd Service Group on visit to Santa Cesarea Rest Camp. Recreational facilities show a great improvement. Sanitation excellent.

Captain PARKER, 376th Bomb Group is being placed on rotation, but will remain in charge of Rest Camp until he departs to the Zone of Interior.

Arrangements made to increase bread and other rations by any amount necessary to furnish a sufficient amount for all concerned.

A-1 SECTION

(14 April 1944)

Ground personnel on rotation will report to Personal Center No. 7-D at Bari, between the 15th and 17th of this month. Major BLANK will pick up all the orders for the 47th Wing on Saturday, 15 April 1944.

German speaking personnel requested by Air Force, will report to Major MURPHY at Nutmeg on Tuesday at 1300 hours.

Eight crews reported into the Wing. Four (4) went to 304th Wing and four (4) remained with this Wing.

Major SULLIVAN will go to Lecce on Saturday to consult with the Red Cross Representative; for the purpose of discussing the feasability of Dances at the Rest Camp and the projected plan of tours of the Southern tip of Italy.
(15 April 1944).
Six (6) crews with aircraft arrived. Were dispatched to 304th Wing, per VCCG, 15th Air Force.

Major SULLIVAN visited Mr. MORRISON, head of the Red Cross in Lecce, and discussed possibility of Dances at Rest Camp at Santa Cesaria. Mr. MORRISON had never been to Santa Cesaria and wanted to withold judgment until he made the trip Wednesday. However, it is probable that a bimonthly dance can be arranged..... one at the Officers' Camp and one at the Enlisted Mens' Camp.



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A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

A three (3) day bus tour commencing at Santa Cesaria and proceeding to Sorento, Naples, Foggia and return was also discussed. Because of the difficulties of food and lodging along the way, it was decided that a representative of the Red Cross and an Officer from A-1 should make a tour in a car, contacting the proper authorities and making tentative arrangements for the forty (40) people who will make the tour each week.

A-2 SECTION

Canvassed Groups for training aids needed to improve aircraft recognition training. Request for the models and posters desired being forwarded through 15th Air Force to XII Training Command.

A-3 SECTION

One (1) new aircraft (H2X) arrived and was assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Routine duties.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.



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CWS

A Gas Chamber test was operated during the morning for the checking of the Gas Mask of all personnel. Enlisted turn out was complete, but Officers approximately fifty (50%) percent.

A complete check up was made of the kitchen. The stoves were in need of intensive cleaning. The procedure in the past has been to wash the stoves daily with soap and water, and once a week inside and out, thoroughly with gasoline. This has been changed, and the system now is to clean each stove inside and outside daily with gasoline, and once a week to take the stove out of the kitchen and go over it with tools for scraping, and steel wool. It is believed this will answer our problem of stove appearance.

The plumber who had charge of constructing the drain from the kitchen is being contacted by Lt Pepper, and he will be requisitioned to link up the open kitchen drain to the camp draining system. There has been water collecting in the back of the kitchen, from the nightly washing of the kitchen floor. Kerosene has been placed on this excess water, but admittedly that is not good.

End...



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APO 520 US ARMY

Friday
14 April 1944.

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine operations.

ADJUTANT

Routine operations.

A-1 SECTION

Routine operations.

A-2 SECTION

Distributed to Groups a Memorandum on means of improving the evaluation of combat claims arising from aerial attacks. This was designed to prevent a repetition of the situation in which higher headquarters considered the claims excessive and reduced them by approximately half.

Requested by 98th Bomb Group to locate aircraft models for recognition training. Initial check proved fruitless.

A-3 SECTION

Five (5) new aircraft arrived and were assigned as follows:

1 - 98th Bomb Group
1 - 376th Bomb Group
1 - 449th Bomb Group
2 - 450th Bomb Group

A-4 SECTION

Routine operations.

SIGNAL

Routine operations.

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INSPACTION

Routine operations.

SURGEON

Col GOCLAND went to 449th Bomb Group for purposes of inspection.

Major GAVIN inspected the area of the 450th Bomb Group. The area was found to be in a satisfactory condition.

C.S

Routine operations.

ORDNANCE

Routine operations.

End...



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APO 520

Thursday
13 April 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Major Walters and I drove over to Co "B", 734th M.P. to witness an inspection. Lt Col WILSON conducted us around the area while the men were assembling in ranks. There has been a tremendious improvement in this unit, since Col WILSON took command of it. We inspected the men in ranks and most of them were in excellent condition. These colored troops are begining to believe that they too are contributing their bit in this "Bombing Business" and as a result their morale is higher and they are becoming real soldiers. The officer's of this Headquarters should visit these units, it'll do you good and help them too.

ADJUTANT

Major STINSON, 15th Air Force Provost Marshal called, accompanied by the Commanding Officer of the 1052nd Military Police Company which is to be assigned to this command.

Details discussed as to release of Provisional Company, transportation, office space, mess facilities, billiting etc.

This company consists of 4 officers and 97 enlisted men compared to the present provisional company of approximately 6 officers and 135 enlisted men, but it is believed that this number will be adequate and the entire provisional company may be returned to their proper organization.

A-1 SECTION

All Groups report that they have no officer with the requisite qualifications to act as aide to General Twining.

Captain KINK informs us that no additional ground crews will be authorized to service additional aircraft permitted by letter, Subject: Augmentation of Combat Crews, dated 4 April. Will take this up with Col MANNIX when I visit Air Force Monday.

Requested five enlisted classification specialists be assigned Wing. These will be apportioned to the Groups.

Personnel to be returned to U. S. to undergo training as gunnery instructors will report to Bari tomorrow.



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A-2 SECTION

Conducted special war room program for officer guests invited by Chief of Staff.

Letter to Groups advising that sustenance kits are to be considered expendable property.

Again requested Fifteenth Air Force to have aerial photographs from 3rd Photo Group printed as to direction and labelled as to location at the time of printing, since this Headquarters has no personnel to accomplish this on large numbers of prints intended for group distribution.

A-3 SECTION

6 new aircraft arrived this date and were assigned as follows:

2 - 98th Group
2 - 376th Group
1 - 449th Group
1 - 450th Group

Major APPOLD reported for duty in this section 12 April 1944.

Colonel BUNCH, 15th Air Force, visited this section.

A-4 SECTION

Routine activities.

SIGNAL

Attended meeting with Col BUNCH. Methods of reducing the B-24 weight were discussed.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Conference with Major THORPE and a Squadron Surgeon of 450th Bomb Group regarding admission to 35th Field Hospital for V.D. - under present regulations combat crews will report to hospital at 0800 hours and remain until 2100 hours for a single days treatment with Penicillin. With present transportation, this program is impossible. Major GAVIN is attempting to find a satisfactory solution with the hospital.

Routine work.

ORDNANCE

Checked into the situation which exists in the 450th Bomb Group concerning ambulances. The ambulances are being pressed into service with the rear gears being disconnected because their are no parts available at the Main-



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ORDNANCE (Cont'd)

tenance Company and Depot and have not been available for some time. Made a complete report to the Air Force Ordnance Supply Officer and stressed the urgency of the situation.

Accompanied Colonel RYLE and staff on tour of inspection to 98th Bomb Group.

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Wednesday
12 April 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

Major F. L. STINSON, 15th Air Force, Provost Marshal called and said that he was coming down Thursday morning to talk about an additional Military Police Company for this Wing.

I flew down to Lecce for a meeting with the Staff of 47th Wing, Col FRANK HILLS, CO, 62nd Service Center, his Staff, Col GRAY, CO, 98th Bomb Group, his Staff, his Squadron Commanders, their staffs and the Unit Commanders of all Service Units on the Airdrome. A number of "gripes" were discussed between the various sections of the three Headquarters and Service Unit Commanders. The interest, enthusiasm and whole hearted cooperation shown by Col HILLS and his Officers has gone a long ways in developing the teamwork now existing between the Combat and Service Units throughout the units of the Wing.

This Group (98th) has shown a marked improvement since the first meeting in February.

1. The number of operational aircraft has increased.
2. They lead the Wing in the smallest number of Early Returns.
3. Their sanitary conditions have greatly improved
4. Their morale is higher.
5. There is much better cooperation between the Service Squadron and Group.
6. Their combat efficiency has greatly improved.

An emergency arose during the return of the 450th Bomb Group from the Weiner Neustadt mission which disclosed:

a. Communication difficulties. Frantic tower could not clearly contact an aircraft in distress. An emergency radio procedure should be worked up, so that ground-to-air communication can be clear and distinct.

b. Bombardiers should be instructed how to de-fuze bombs, also they should know fuzes and bombs, so that they can take care of any such situation.



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ADJUTANT

Major ARNOLD reported for duty.

A-1 SECTION

22 Replacement aircraft and 22 replacement crews arrived this Headquarters. They were assigned VCCO, 1st Air Force as follows:

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| 9 aircraft and crews | 47th Wing |
| 10 aircraft and crews | 304th Wing |
| 2 aircraft | 40th Wing |
| 2 aircraft and 3 crews | 55th Wing. |

Request was made for an officer to act as aide to Maj General TWINING. Groups were notified.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col THOMAS, accompanied by Maj Blake, went to 98th Bomb Gp to attend a meeting and the interrogation of combat crews.

A-3 SECTION

9 new aircraft arrived this date and were assigned as follows:

1 - 98th Bomb Gp
3 - 376th Bomb Gp
2 - 440th Bomb Gp
3 - 450th Bomb Gp

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Visited 376th Bomb Gp Radar Section at Niece. Met with Capt MATTHEW, Wing Radar Officer and Staff. Capt MATTHEW'S Staff consists of seven (7) officers and twenty-one (21) enlisted men. This section needs more room for operations and this problem will be taken up with Col KYLE.

Attended joint meeting at 98th Bomb Gp.

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INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Interviewed 62nd Service Gp, Surgeon, regarding medical care of all personnel at various bases. Also, took up Venereal Disease control in Manduria and surrounding villages. An appointment with the British Allied Control Commission medical officer in Taranto and the medico provinciale will be made.

An inspection was made of the 68th Medical Supply Depot.

Col RADKE of AFHQ and Major SCHNELLING of AAFSC/MTC were interviewed. They are investigating the necessity for additional equipment (Med. Dept.) in view of the changing T/BA and TO for Heavy Bombardment Groups. The new equipment is an improvement.

CWS

Checked the 450th Bomb Group, Chemical Defense Plan. Lt ANDREWS, the Group Gas Officer, has the situation well planned.

Contacted the 62nd Service Group in regards to new type Gas Masks for all personnel in this Wing. At the moment some Units will not be able to be completely equipped, but this is being corrected as fast as replacement Masks are available in this Theatre.

ORDNANCE

Routine duties.

End...



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Tuesday
11 April 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Lt Col V. L. COLLIN, 15th Air Force, Gunnery Officer. He was Director of Gunnery Training in a B-24 Gunnery School in USA. Each Group will get two Gunnery Officers, who are graduates and instructors in Gunnery School.

I flew with Lt Col GIDEON, 450th Bomb Gp on the practice mission. All Groups looked fairly well, although there was too much interval between Groups.

Brig General NOEL called and said he had flown around and in our practice formations. He said that the 3's and 6's were fine but there was too much space between elements and boxes.

ADJUTANT

Pathfinder navigators relieved from assignment to 376th Bomb Gp, assigned to 464th Bomb Group and placed on DS with various Wings. This should alleviate problems of promotion etc., in the 376th Bomb Group.

Col HAYNE, 451st BombGp was in to see Col MUIR.

A-1 SECTION

31 crews reported to this Headquarters and were assigned, according to previous instructions from 15th Air Force, as follows:

25 to 47th Wing
6 to 55th Wing
5 to 47th Wing

These last five were further assigned to 98th Bomb Gp.

Lt Col GOODMAN, JAG, 15th Air Force, called requesting an officer with previous legal experience to act as Asst Trial Judge Advocate for cases arising in this Wing. This duty will involve interviewing witnesses and should not interfere with primary duty. Lt HOWARD of the 449th Bomb Gp asked for the job and since Col GLNN has no objection, his name was submitted.

Capt KIRK, 15th Air Force, called and required the name of a bomber pilot, who has completed 50 missions and in the grade of Captain, to do staff duty for 3 or 4 weeks in Tunis prior to being returned to the Zone of Interior. Captain BLADES of the 68th Tactical Reconnaissance



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KODAK SAFETY FILM



(Hq 47th Wg, Daily Diary, 11 Apr 44, Contd.)

A-1 SECTION (Contd.)

Group, name was submitted by Lt Col FRANK, Executive of the 68th Tac Rcn Gp and this was telephoned to Nutmeg.

Air Force called and dictated a list of names of ground personnel who would shortly be rotated to the Zone of Interior. Majors Blake and Schintius of this Headquarters are listed and Lt Col Gardner, Executive of the 376th Bomb Gp. The existing system is that these individuals will remain on duty until their replacements arrive.

A-2 SECTION

Supplement "C" to Fifteenth Air Force Memorandum Number 45-2, dated 1 April 1944, received this date called for forwarding of narrative mission report to reach Air Force Headquarters the morning following the mission. Pointed out the courier schedule, and necessity for evaluation of the interrogation forms made this impossible, and Lt Col NEVELEFF agreed to have the directive amended by letter.

Data on the MESTRE raid of 7 April is being forwarded to Command and General Staff School to illustrate reporting pro cedure in this Air Force. Necessary materials from this Wing collected.

A-3 SECTION

5 new aircraft arrived and were assigned to 98th Bomb Group.

Lt ATWOOD, from 98th Bomb Gp, reported for duty with this section.

Meeting was held for Group Gunnery Officers. They were given a talk by Lt Col ZOLLER, 15th Air Force.

A-4 SECTION

451st Bomb Gp has completed its movement. Only a cleanup detail remains.

SIGNAL

Col DOTY returned from 15th Air Force at 1200 hours. On 10 April a conference was held with Col STERN, Signal Officer for the 15th Air Force, and his staff. The following subjects were discussed: Removal of the Liaison Radio Set, Carpet, Gee, and method of operation of the Wing Air-Ground Station.

a. Liaison Radio Set: The 47th Wing's plan for the removal of this set was discussed with Col STERN and his staff. After a lengthy discussion Col STERN and DOTY presented the plan to Brig Gen ATKINSON, for his approval. The General was impressed with the plan, and it was explained to him that the Leader and Deputy leader would carry this

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radio so as to insure long range contact with the Wing Headquarters. Gen AWTINSON called in Gen BORN and the plan was explained to him. Gen BORN was not in favor of the removal of any radio equipment at this critical time. The General explained that this radio had been put to good use during the past week and that at the present time the 15th Air Force was going all out in its efforts and recommended against any removal at this time. Gen BORN explained that a letter was going out to the Wings which would list items of equipment to be removed and that this would help lighten the B-24 load. For the present and until better weather sets-in, the Liaison Radio set will remain in aircraft of this Wing.

b. Carpet: This was discussed in detail. In order that Carpet be effective it must be installed in one (1) complete Group. In reply to a letter from the 15th Air Force as to what order, by Groups, we wanted this equipment installed, the following reply was submitted:

1. 450th Bomb Group
2. 376th Bomb Group
3. 98th Bomb Group
4. 449th Bomb Group

c. Gee: Gee will be installed at the same time as Carpet is installed in the 450th Bomb Group. In other Groups we may send ships from any Group or from any Squadron as we desire.

d. Wing Air-Ground Station: The question of the Wing control of its Air-Ground Station was discussed with Gen AWTINSON, Gen BORN, and Col STERN. Signals procedure of this subject will be changed and the "Bombs Away" report will be reported to the Wing Station and not to 15th Air Force, as soon as this Signals Procedure is changed.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Capt CARRIER, communicable disease officer, Allied Control Commission, came to attend a meeting at Lecce. Col COGLAND attended as well as Capt D'ARCY., Wing venereal officer, Major LONGWELL, 98th Bomb Gp Surgeon and Major TURNER-COLE of the British Army.

CWS

Special emphasis at this time is being placed on the Chemical Defense plan of each field. Unit Gas Officers are being contacted on each base. Today I contacted the 376th Bomb Gp



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ORDNANCE

Small Arms Ammunition is now available at every base to meet any emergency.

Rendered an urgent request to Air Force for transportation parts and Maintenance Equipment.

Made further reports to Air Force on the malfunction of Aircraft Signals.

Arranged to secure a special telescopic sight for one of the Groups to be used in conjunction with special work.

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10 April 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

OFFICE OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Upon recommendation of the Individual Preventive Inspector some members of this section will henceforth visit the subordinate units of this command so that each organization will be contacted twice a month.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col Thomas investigated possibility of maps being available to Groups. Information obtained from interrogation of crews. Col Hewlett anticipates such information will be made available.

Capt Lindley visited briefing room of 450th Bomb Gp. Noted that situation maps are well kept up and that general appearance of room is excellent. Much impressed by sand-table models of Schweinfurt and Fischerend Markt aircraft factories. These models, built on a scale to simulate observation from altitude of 20,000 ft, have been studied by all pilots, navigators and bombardiers.

A-3 SECTION

Visit from Capt Hartman, Wing Radar Officer, to talk over problems of Wing Radar Section. Results are as follows:

a. Correspondence to go through this Headquarters.

b. Supply channels through S-4 of 376th Bomb Gp.

c. Telephone direct from WTCOE switchboard.

d. Operations handled from this office.

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A-4 SECTION

Received word from A-4 Section, 15th Air Force there will be repairs on the water system in [redacted] Manduria during the period of 19 April until the 18th and in Lecce, 14th to the 19th. During this time the water pressure will be reduced.

451st Bomb Gp cleaning up both camp sites. 90% complete.

SIGNAL

Col Doty departed 0ur 15th Air Force Signal Office to discuss Radio Navigational problems with Col Lingard.

Capt H ouret, 15th Air Force, Wire Officer, Capt Ginn, 450th Bomb Gp Construction Battalion Operations Officer and Lt Terry discussed new wire facilities available to this Headquarters.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Routine work, Col Cogland visiting the 98th Bomb Gp.

CWO

Routine duties.

End..



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9 April 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Orders received relieving 451st Bomb Gp from assignment to 47th Wing and assigning them to 49th Wing with station at CASTELLUCIO, effective 7 April 1944.

A-1 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-2 SECTION

Revision of combat claims on the MESTRE raid has been completed by the 449th Bomb Gp after conference with Maj Blake. The final is 6 destroyed and 3 probably destroyed, as compared with an initial estimate of 16 destoryed and 6 probables.

Surveyed intelligence personnel for data on available trained instructors in aircraft recognition, as per request from 15th Air Force.

A-3 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-4 SECTION

451st Bomb Gp, 80% moved. 30 truck loads at Manduria and approximately 40 truck loads at San Pancrazio. This will finish up.

SIGNAL

Routine duties.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Routine duties. Lt Col Cogland is visiting the 98th Bomb Gp

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CWS

Published order to the effect that Saturday, 15 April 1944, will be Gas Chamber Day, and that all Officers will be required to go through the Chamber that day.

Coordinated with the 62nd Service Group, in arranging for the obtaining of Smoke and Tear Gas Grenades for Defense Day, on the first of each month.

ORDNANCE (9 Apr 44)

Sent to all Group Ordnance Officers the following technical data:

Training Ammunition Allowance
German Radio Controlled Bombs
Bomb, Fragmentation, 260 lb.
German Aircraft Armament
Acceptance Test Data on Small Arms Weapons and Ammunition
Precision Level Bombing and Bombing Tables
German Aircraft Rockets

Coordinated with the Service Group in the proper distribution of ammunition and clustering bands for today's mission.

Contacted Air Force regarding Bomb Service Trucks and Trailers for the 449th and 450th Bomb Groups.

The twelve 500 lb. bombs which were jettisoned by the 451st Bomb Gp have been completely defused by Lt Stage, Bomb Disposal Officer, and on the morrow will be cleared away.

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CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

302th Air Base Security Battalion relieved from further responsibility of furnishing train guard for Service Command supply trains, effective 10 April 1944.

Movement orders received on move of 122nd Liaison Squadron to Blida, Algeria, on or about 7 April 1944.

Arrangements completed with Col Baker, 62nd Service Group on procurement of 40 passenger bus to be used as shuttle service between Groups and Wing Rest Camps. Bus should be available on or about 21 April 1944.

Orders received authorizing 96 crews with appropriate grades and ratings and additional equipment to each Heavy Bomb Group.

A-1 SECTION

85 Enlisted Men were dispatched by Motor transport to the 5th Wing in compliance with Special Orders 66, this Headquarters. Also included were six (6) Officers (Navigators) transferred to the 5th Wing as per provisions of Special Order 68 this Headquarters.

Names of 19 Enlisted Gunners with more than five (5) missions and two (2) Armament Officers to return to the Zone of Interior to pursue a course which will prepare them to return to this Theater as Gunnery Instructors.

Propose to make a tour of Santa Cesaria Rest Camps and the Rest Camp at Lecce. Will return Monday before noon.

A-2 SECTION

Major Blake held conference with 449th Bomb Gp, S-2, regarding combat claims. A system for improving the validity of such claims is being evolved.

Lt Col Thomas conferred with Lt Col Rogers, A-2, 242 Gp, RAF, on interchanges of information.

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A-2 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-4 SECTION

451st Bomb Gp operational at new field, 60% of personnel moved. Three more days will clean up the move.

SIGNAL

Col Stern, Signal Officer, 15th Air Force, called and stated that he was in conference with the Consolidated Factory Representative on the subject of Electronic Superchargers. Requested information as to the type of tube failing and number that have been changed to date. Checked with Communications Officer, 98th Bomb Gp, and was informed that the most common failing was the 705 tube and that approximately 16 tubes had been replaced. The 727 and and 724 tubes also fail but not as many as the 705 type. This information was given to Col Stern and he was also informed that the Turbo Supercharger Factory Representative had been at the 98th Bomb Gp for three days working on the problem.

Lt Terry made a survey and mapped new telephone construction between Muport, Niece and Neecap.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

At Headquarters 15th Air Force, discussed with Col Benson the following problems:

a. Atabrine will be given universally per directives soon to be published.

b. Rotation of combat crew members will be attempted at a 50 mission level but return to combat will be expected after 30 days leave in the United States.

c. A radically changed TBA for Group's medical department will soon be instituted, giving equipment for a 36 bed dispensary to each Group. A marked improvement, in the opinion of the undersigned.

d. Discussed with Capt D'Arata the continued work on V.D. control as pertains to the civilian population.

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SURGEON (Cont'd.)

e. Interviewed a civilian Doctor employed by 15th Air Force on malarial control. No additional information concerning this area was obtained.

f. Visited patients in 35th Field Hospital with Major Thorpe, Surgeon 450th Bomb Gp.

CWS

Routine duties.

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7 April 1944

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Brig General Atkinson, Deputy Commanding General, 15th Air Force came down for a conference at 1130 hours with Col Rush, Col Gormly, Col Kyle, and the Group Commanders, the following points were discussed:

a. Formation flying of all 15th Air Force units is terrible, as a result the pattern of bombing is bad and the Fighter Defense is weakened. General Atkinson recommended strong measures be taken, such as busting the First Pilots who get out of formation.

b. The Twelve (12) ship formation will be flown, ordered as of today.

c. Maximum effort has been eliminated, 36 aircraft plus 6 spares equals 42 aircraft per Group, is the absolute maximum.

d. Timing of units must be improved.

e. Wing should fly their own weather ship.

f. Carpet for one Group will arrive in the Wing very soon.

g. Bomb load will never exceed 5000 pounds, regardless of the length of the mission.

h. Gasoline in aircraft held to 2350 gallons unless Groups are notified otherwise by midnight.

ADJUTANT

451st Bomb Gp, Command Post to close present location 2400 hours, 7 April 1944, open new location 0001 hours 8 April 1944. Air Force notified.



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A-1 SECTION

Arrangements were concluded to send remainder of crews requested by 15th Air Force to 5th Wing.

Six (6) navigators will leave tomorrow for 5th Wing to replace six (6) Radar navigators mistakenly ordered there.

Rotation figures for this Wing for fifty (50) mission personnel is:

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| Pilots | 33 |
| Navigators | 9 |
| Bombardiers | 2 |
| Gunners | 86 |

This is far in excess of our requirements, which are:

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|---|---|
| Pilots | 5 |
| Navigators | 5 |
| Bombardiers | 2 |
| Gunners | 17 |

A-2 SECTION

Inquiry as to use of evader back from Yugoslavia to assist in briefing bomber crews on escape developed word that Fifteenth Air Force is seeking a change in the present requirement that evaders from Yugoslavia be taken off operational flying and returned to the states.

After discussion with A-3, drafted a letter instructing groups not to requisition operational maps for area greater than 600 miles from base, even though target materials for places beyond that range are received. This headquarters will be responsible for distribution of maps on such distant targets in the event they are required.

A-3 SECTION

Three (3) B-24's (H2X's) were assigned to the 376th Bomb Group.

A-4 SECTION

Visited A-4, 15th Air Force yesterday. Reviewed the electric heated suit situation. Was informed suits are now being unloaded from ships in harbor and will be available in a few days.

Assisting the 68th Tac Rcn Group on water movement of vehicles. A-4 15th Air Force is scheduling move.

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A-4 SECTION (Cont'd.)

Fifteen (15) more trucks were dispatched from Bari at 1300 hours to help move the 451st Bomb Gp. They will remain with the Group until completion of move. It is estimated that four (4) more days will be required to complete move.

Picking up today at Bari a few of the Engineer supplies for our new buildings.

SIGNAL

Routine operations.

INSPECTION

Routine operations.

SURGEON

Col Cogland went to Nutmeg today to see the Air Surgeon and to the 26th General Hospital.

CWS

Spot checked the planes of the 450th Bomb Gp to ascertain if Incendiary and Smoke grenades were being correctly carried, both as to place and number. This Group is satisfactory, only planes NOT carrying above items being replacement planes which had not been so equipped. Contacted Group Armament Officer, and situation is being corrected.

Contacted Lt Fox of the 1986th Fire Fighter Platoon, and Lt Krell of the 1996th Fire Fighter Platoon (Engineers), relative to Fire Security at our four fields. Condition satisfactory in the main, will contact Lt Fox tomorrow in detail.

Have contacted today our oldest and most reliable source of stock for Bar Liquors and find that the situation is becoming acute in so far as replenishment of stock is concerned. Also that prices are rising generally to the point where it is advisable to search for new sources of supply. My suggestion is to make a trip to Palermo, where previously we had success in obtaining Liquors at a reasonable price.

Succeeded in augmenting the supply, of the 449th Bomb Gp, of CN material. They are partially through their Gas Mask Chamber Tests, and original supply was found to be inadequate. The CWS at present is using captured German CN capsules for these tests, and our supply is limited. My procedure is to break CN grenades, and use contents in limited amounts.



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6 April 1944.

D A I L Y  D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Arrangements being made with president 15th AF Flying Disposition Board to "hand pick" twelve or more grounded combat officers to be trained as potential photographic officers, photographic interpreters, assistant A-2 officers, personnel equipment officers, etc. Coordinated with Wing Flight Surgeon and A-1.

A-1 SECTION

Routine duties.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col Thomas checked with 376th, 449th, and 450th Groups on their methods of analyzing combat claims in an effort to eliminate duplications and increase accuracy of the reports submitted. Even with the best that can be done, however, a certain amount of duplication cannot be eliminated, because of factors such as disruption of the formation over the target, lack of complete and dependable record as to the exact time and place of individual combats, etc.

Lt Col Thomas informed Major Walters that this section can train up to three grounded flying officers for use in intelligence work in groups which at present are under T/O strength.

A-3 SECTION

Col Gormly made a visit to 376th Bomb Group to determine disposition of P.F.F. A/C. Decision reached after conference with officer in charge of maintenance section to leave P.F.F. maintenance at SAN PANCRAZIO in present location- personnel including engineering etc., to be D.S. from groups will be housed and fed at SAN PANCRAZIO. Personnel D.S. from groups will take tentage etc., with them.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Captain Hubbard, Communications Officer, 98th Bomb Group, called in reference to difficulty that is being encountered with Electronic Supercharger's on "H" and "J" type aircraft. This unit consists of an amplifier with four (4) vacuum tubes, and one (1) unit is provided for each super-



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SIGNAL (contd)

charger, or a total of sixteen (16) vacuum tubes being required for each aircraft. The vacuum tubes being used do not stand up and replacements are hard to obtain, as a result, in order to keep some aircraft of the 98th Bomb Group operational the Communications Officer has replaced Electronic Supercharger Tube Sockets with Signal Corps sockets and used a standard Signal Corps tube. Here again a problem arrises as tubes and sockets needed for replacement are not available. This matter was discussed with Major Murry who reports that a Factory Representative is working with the 98th Bomb Group on the subject. Major Murry called Col Bunch on this problem and is awaiting his answer. Col Doty called Col Stern and discussed the matter. Col Stern will take the matter up with Col Bunch and try to work out a solution. While this is an Engineering item it may work out that better results can be obtained if handled by the Communications Section as they have the necessary test equipment on hand to service the Electronic Supercharger, such as tube testers, meters, etc.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Routine duties.

CWS

Routine duties.

End.



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5 April 1944

DAILY DIARY

CHIEF OF STAFF

(Apr 4th) Colonel W. A. Maxwell flew down for a conference with Colonel Rush on the Cassino Mission of March 15 1944.

I flew down to meet the 449th Group on its return from BUCHAREST. The Group was badly shot up from fighters and flak, talked to Lt Col Gent who led the mission. This Group got out of the Wing formation and as a result went into the target by itself and the Hun concentrated his fighters on this Group. When the Wing formations are good the losses will be less.

That Airdrome is improving fast. The Airdrome Engineer (Lt Col Brown), has moved one (1) Company of the 835th Engineers into Grottaglie, but they still lack equipment.

Just before dark Col Gormly and I flew down to Lecce to attend the 98th Bomb Group 200th Mission Party. It was a very nice and impressive party. Each Squadron selected the Officers and Enlisted Men who were to attend, from those who had not only been with the Group the longest, but also from thosewho had done the best job during their tour of duty with the Group. There were a number of NCOs present and I am firmly convinced that their job in this "Bombing Business" is not as fully appreciated as it should be.

(Apr 5th) Runway approaches and 1000 foot Runway extensions should be completed on all of the Group Airdromes, as soon as the Engineers catch up on the Runways, Hard Standings and Taxy strips.

General Orvil A. Anderson, 8th Air Force, A-3, and General Grandison Gardner, Commanding General, Eglin Field, Florida, the Air Corps proving ground. Both Officers gave interesting talks in the War Room at the 1300 hours meeting. General Anderson pointed out the tremendous effect the recent operations of the 8th and 15th Air Forces have had on the German Air Force.

General Anderson, General Gardner, Col Rush and I visited the 450th Bomb Gp on their return from the Ploesti Marshalling Yard mission. We talked to Col Mills, who led the Wing formation.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.



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A-1 SECTION

Twenty-three (23) waist gunners and two Officer are needed to go to the United States and pursue a course of instructions in Gunnery. Upon completion of course they will be returned to this Theater as instructors.

Bomber crews requisitioned for the 5th Wing have been submitted to this Headquarters.

A-2 SECTION

Lt Col Thomas attended briefing at the 450th Bomb Gp with Col Young, 15th Air Force, A-2. Col Young commented favorably on the Group S-2 Section. Scheduled visits to the 376th and 449th Groups, which were cancelled by Col Young for lack of time.

A-3 SECTION

Four (4) new aircraft arrived this date and were assigned to the 449th Bomb Gp.

One (1) B-24D is being transferred from Gioia to the 376th Bomb Gp per VCCG, 15th Air Force.

A-4 SECTION

Routine duties.

SIGNAL

Meeting with Capt Bean, Wing Communications Inspector, on directives issued by 15th Air Force and 47th Wing on Communications Training. Capt Bean will check records of all Groups to see that all phases of training are being carried out.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

A meeting with Capt Carrier, communicable disease officer of the Allied Control Commission with Maj Longwell, 98th Bomb Gp, Capt D'Arata, Wing Venereal Disease officer and Maj Turner-Cole of the British Army was arranged for Friday morning to discuss the venereal situation in Lecce.

Visited by Group Executive and Group Surgeon of the 449th Bomb Gp



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SURGEON (contd.)

Escape kits and food ration for crews on missions were discussed. Suggested using K - rations until something better can be devised.

CWS

Routine duties.

End.

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APO 520 US ARMY

4 April 1944

D A I L Y D I A R Y

CHIEF OF STAFF

Routine duties.

ADJUTANT

Routine duties.

A-1 SECTION

Request from 15th Air Force mentioned yesterday was apportioned as follows:

| ORGANIZATION | COMPLETE CREWS | CO-PILOTS | NAVIG. | BOMB. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 98th | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 376th | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 449th | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 450th | 8 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 451st | 0 | 7 | 4 | 6 |

Air Force wants one (1) war-weary crew to ferry a B-24 to the Zone of Interior. Selections will be made tomorrow.

A-2 SECTION

Colonel Young, Nutmeg A-2, reported he would visit the 98th Bomb Gp this date, spend the night at Wing Headquarters, and visit at least one more Group on Wednesday.

Narrative mission reports from all Groups of this Wing revise claims on STEYR raid to 40 destroyed, (instead of 44 as originally claimed), 10 probables, and 1 damaged. As per request from NUTMEG, forwarded a Wing appreciation on these claims, indicating they appear well substantiated.

A-3 SECTION

Three (3) new aircraft arrived this date.

One (1) aircraft assigned to 376th Bomb Gp.
One (1) aircraft assigned to 449th Bomb Gp.
One (1) aircraft assigned to 450th Bomb Gp.

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A-4 SECTION

Movement order of the 451st Ground echelon move first, after completion of ground movement flight echelon will move, trucks to be furnished by 62nd Service Group and 37th Service Group. Move to start on the 5th of April 1944.

SIGNAL

Routine operations.

INSPECTION

Routine duties.

SURGEON

Routine duties.

CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE

Changed the accounting records of both the Bar and Mess, from a system worked out two months ago by the Mess Council, to a new system suggested by Lt Col Cassell. The new system incorporates the use of the Council book in each department, and should facilitate the book work of both the Mess and Bar accounts.

Made up Monthly Statement on the Mess Fund, and on the Bar Fund. Both accounts show a satisfactory plus balance.

End.

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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 US ARMY

3 April 1944.

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

## CHIEF OF STAFF

1. Brig General Born called about 47th Wing being an hour late at the target. I told him that we were investigating it now and will report.

2. I called Colonel Y. H. Taylor, Chief of Staff, 15th Air Force in regards to the Pathfinder crews flooding the 376th. He is investigating the possibility of relieving these crews from assignment to the 376th and picking them up as attached. I instructed Major Sullivan to follow up and report to me.

## ADJUTANT

1. Movement orders received from 15th Air Force on move of 451st on or about 5 April 44. Group concerned and all Staff sections notified.

2. Routine duties.

## A-1 SECTION

1. ~~1330 hours.~~ 13 A/C and crews reported in for assignment.

2. ~~1400 hours.~~ 15th Air Force requested we issue orders transferring the following combat crew members to 5th Wing:

17 Pilots
27 Co-Pilots
36 Navigators
25 Bombardiers
17 Gunners.

3. ~~1400 hours.~~ The Chief of Staff, 15th Air Force, was consulted with respect to the excess Pathfinder personnel who are now assigned to the 376th Gp thereby interdicting promotions of old members of the Group. It is proposed that these personnel be dropped from organizational rolls as assigned and picked up as attached until such time as they are ordered to their permanent unit.

## A-2 SECTION

1. Received notice from S-2, 242 Group (RAF), that B-24 piloted by McIver, 721 Sq, 450 Gp, force landed on Vis Island (off Yugoslavia) at 1200 hrs, 2 April 44. Crew safe, but one Sergeant wounded. Crew will be dispatched as soon as possible. Informed 450th Group and 15th Air Force. This reduces the number of



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A-2 SECTION continued.

aircraft missing from the 450th Gp following the Steyr raid from 3 to 2.

2. Agreed to furnish 62nd Service Gp a bulletin board display of annotated strike photos, etc., each Friday in order to provide the service units a picture of the Wing's operations. Conferred with Col Kyle and Lt. Col Marshall, exec officer of the 62nd Service Gp, on this project.

3. Lt Col Thomas and Major Blake attended interrogation at 376th Bomb Gp to check on procedures followed.

A-3 SECTION

1. 13 new Aircraft arrived this date.

8 aircraft were assigned to 450th Group.
5 aircraft were assigned to 449th Group.

2. Made visit to 15th Air Force at which the following subjects were brought up:

a. Call signs for escort and bombers.
b. 451st to move approximately 5 April 44.
c. Pathfinder aircraft and special personnel to be attached to Wings.

A-4 SECTION

1. Routine activities, ~~nothing of general interest~~.

SIGNAL

1. Lt. Terry, Asst Signals Officer, visited Neutral and inspected Wire Communications at Group and Squadron Headquarters.

2. Captain Beverly, Signal Officer, 62nd Service Group, reports that the Mobile Radio Repair Truck that visits each Group once a week has speeded up repairs. Captain Beverly is setting up three additional trucks and it is planned to have a truck visit each group daily, and make all repairs at the field.

INSPECTION

1. Negative Report.

SURGEON

1. Routine work with two (2) WD AGO Form 64 accomplished.

CWS

1. Negative report.



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CWS

1. Briefed the crew of the lead ship of the 450th Bomb Gp in today's mission, in the use of the smoke tank which it is hoped will assist in providing air identification and signals.

2. Interrogated the crew on return from mission as to results obtained with smoke dispersing tank, and all agreed it performed very satisfactorily There was one point brought up which requires a further check, and that is the tail gunner's window seemed to take on a fog. There was a severe oil leak from the bomb-bay back to the tail gunner which did not permit my having an accurate examination of this report as the oil obscured completely any film which may have been there before the leak developed. This particular ship was pretty badly shot up by flak.

3. After picking up smoke tank returned to Headquarters and interrogated the Pilot, Colonel Gideon who advised me that he was of the opinion this system should be installed in every lead ship as it was at least twice as effective as Very signals.

4. Due to mechanical difficulty Colonel Gideon was delayed for quite some time on his take off, and when he circled he let go a burst of smoke, and immediately got calls from his Group telling him that his "ship was on fire" which proved to him the visibility and attention which the smoke signal provided.

5. Without being too optimistic about the technique I believe we have the answer to the Group identification of the lead ship and also Wing identification, as well as "climb" signal.



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HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING
APO 520 18 APRIL

2 April 1944

# D A I L Y  D I A R Y

OFFICE OF STAFF [redacted]

1. Staff Meeting at 0930 hours, discussed the Wing Headquarters Diary.

a. Meetings to be held at each Group Airdrome at which all Unit Commanders both Tactical and Service, together with Group and Squadron Executives, Engineering, Supply and Signal Officers will be present. Colonel Hills, 62nd Service Group, Commanding Officer, his Executives and Inspectors will accompany the following officers from Headquarters 47th Wing:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Col Reuben Kyle, Jr., | CofS | Captain Perry, | Ordnance |
| Maj Sullivan, | A-1 | Major Murray, | Tech Inspector |
| Lt Col Thomas, | A-2 | Lt Col Cassel, | Adm Inspector |
| Lt Col Hartwig, | A-4 | Captain McFadden, | Special Service |
| Lt Col Doty, | Signal | Lt Col Cogland, | Wing Surgeon. |

b. Improvement of Staff Sections.

c. Constant improvement of the Group sections by the corresponding sections of the Wing Staff.

d. More life, pep and enthusiasm needed in staff sections.

2. Col Benjamin Stern, 15th Air Force Com Officer stopped by enroute to visit the 376th Bomb Gp discussed Wing and 15th Air Force Communication problems.

3. Col Y. H. Taylor, Chief of Staff, 15th Air Force dropped in for lunch, a chat and watch the interrogation of the 450th combat crews.

4. Col Clare Bunch, Operational Engineer, 15th Air Force, stopped by for a Howdy, discussed the B-24 modifications, both here and 8th Air Force.

5. Flew down to the 98th Bomb Gp after lunch and watched the Group return from the STETTIN mission. Talked to Col Gray about bombing with A.P.I.. instead of manual, he has an officer who was an instructor in USA who will take over the training of the 98th Bombardiers. The Lecce A/D is in terrible shape, especially off the runway and taxi strips as there are lots of holes, piles of dirt etc.. The 98th has lost 4 or 5 aircraft by taxi accidents, a fire must and has been built under the Airdrome Engineers. I talked to Lt Col Brown about it.

ADJUTANT

1. 0930 hours. Capt Neffinger reported for duty. Assigned to A-1 Section.

2. Received orders redesignating 122nd Liaison Squadron to 122nd Bomb Sq (H), and attaching it to the 15th Air Force. Sections concerned notified.

3. Message received of practice alert at Bari, Italy on the night of 3 April 1944. All sections and units notified.



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A-1 SECTION

1100 hours. Navigator from 98th Bomb Gp to report to A-3, Fifteenth Air Force, for interview for staff assignment. Navigator has completed 50 missions or over.

1430 hours. The following A/C and Crews arrived and assigned as indicated:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| B-24G #42-78188 | 451st Gp | B-24G #42-78189 | 450th Gp |
| B-24G #42-78178 | 451st Gp | B-24G #42-78158 | 449th Gp |
| B-24H #41-29582 | 450th Gp | B-24G #42-78170 | 450th Gp |
| B-24H #41-29584 | 449th Gp | B-24H #42-50286 | 98th Gp |
| B-24H #41-28846 | 449th Gp | B-24H #42-94954 | 98th Gp |
| B-24G #42-78156 | 450th Gp | B-24J #42-64363 | 449th Gp |
| B-24H #41-29541 | 451st Gp | | |

1530 hours. Navigator from 98th needed for training new navigators in Squadron. Fifteenth Air Force informed and will not require him to report.

A-2 SECTION

Attended interrogation in 450th Bomb Gp to check on methods and procedures followed.

Redesigned format of Consolidated Mission Report to give a more complete statistical picture of each day's operations. This does not duplicate anything already being done by the Statiscal section.

A-3 SECTION

The following aircraft with crews arrived this date and are assigned as listed below

98TH BOMB GROUP

| | |
|---|---|
| B-24H | 42-50286 |
| B-24H | 42-94954 |

449TH BOMB GROUP

| | |
|---|---|
| B-24H | 41-29584 |
| B-24H | 41-28846 |
| B-24G | 42-78158 |
| B-24J | 42-64363 |

450TH BOMB GROUP

| | |
|---|---|
| B-24H | 41-29582 |
| B-24G | 42-78156 |
| B-24G | 42-78189 |
| B-24G | 42-78170 |

451ST BOMB GROUP

| | |
|---|---|
| B-24G | 42-78188 |
| B-24G | 42-78178 |
| B-24H | 41-29541 |



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A-4 SECTION

Check of the parachute situation in the 376th and 449th shows no shortage of chutes in the 376th, but the 449th did have a minor shortage, although they had not picked up 80 chutes which the service squadron had for them. All groups in the Wing have approximately 630 chutes per group.

Squash court construction is awaiting approval and procurement of materials by the Engineers.

Wing Headquarters buildings will be ready for lights and telephone installations in building #1 in 3 days, building #2, the mess and kitchen should be finished and ready for use in one week.

SIGNALS

Contacted 15th Air Force on date SIGGUN would be placed in operation at this Headquarters. Captain Carson advises that operations would start 3 April 1944.

Colonel Stern and Colonel Lingard, Signal Officer's, 15th Air Force, visited Signals Officer 47th Wing. Colonel Stern, Lingard, and Doty visited the 376th Bomb Gp and inspected Radar Set-Up. A meeting with Colonel Compton and Radar Signal Officer's was held and matters pertaining to operation, maintenance and supply of Radar Equipment were discussed.

INSPECTION

Negative

SURGEON

Groups were informed that Major Levy, Air Force Neuropsychiatrist, would not be available for consultations this week.

Usual routine work.

Man examined for WD AGO Form #64.

CWS

The following is submitted as the Special activities of the Wing Chemical Officer:

Flew test mission at 1100 hours, securing good results with the newly developed smoke tank.

From 1400 hours forward, coordinated with Northrup in conjunction with mission of 3 April 1944.



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